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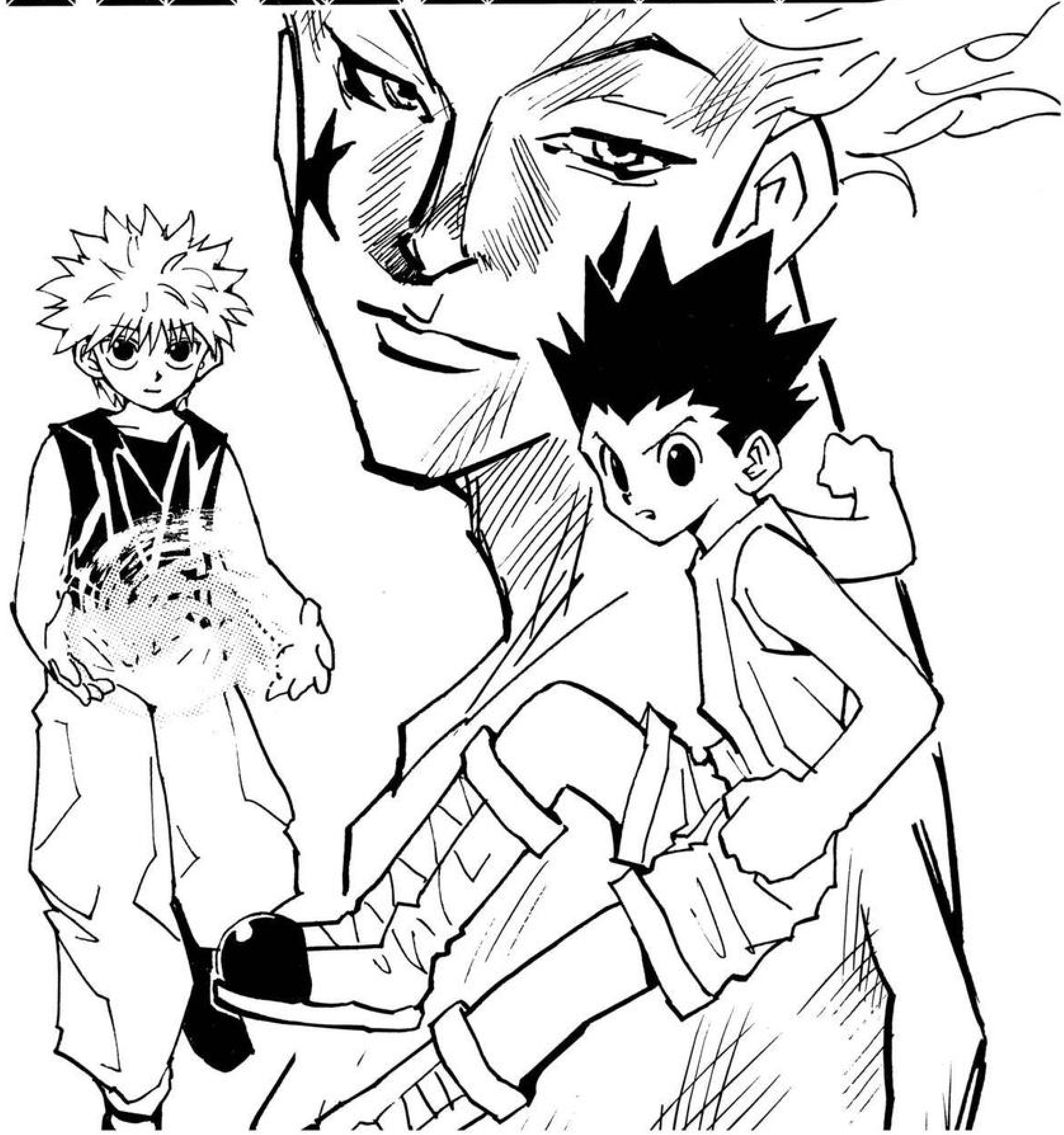

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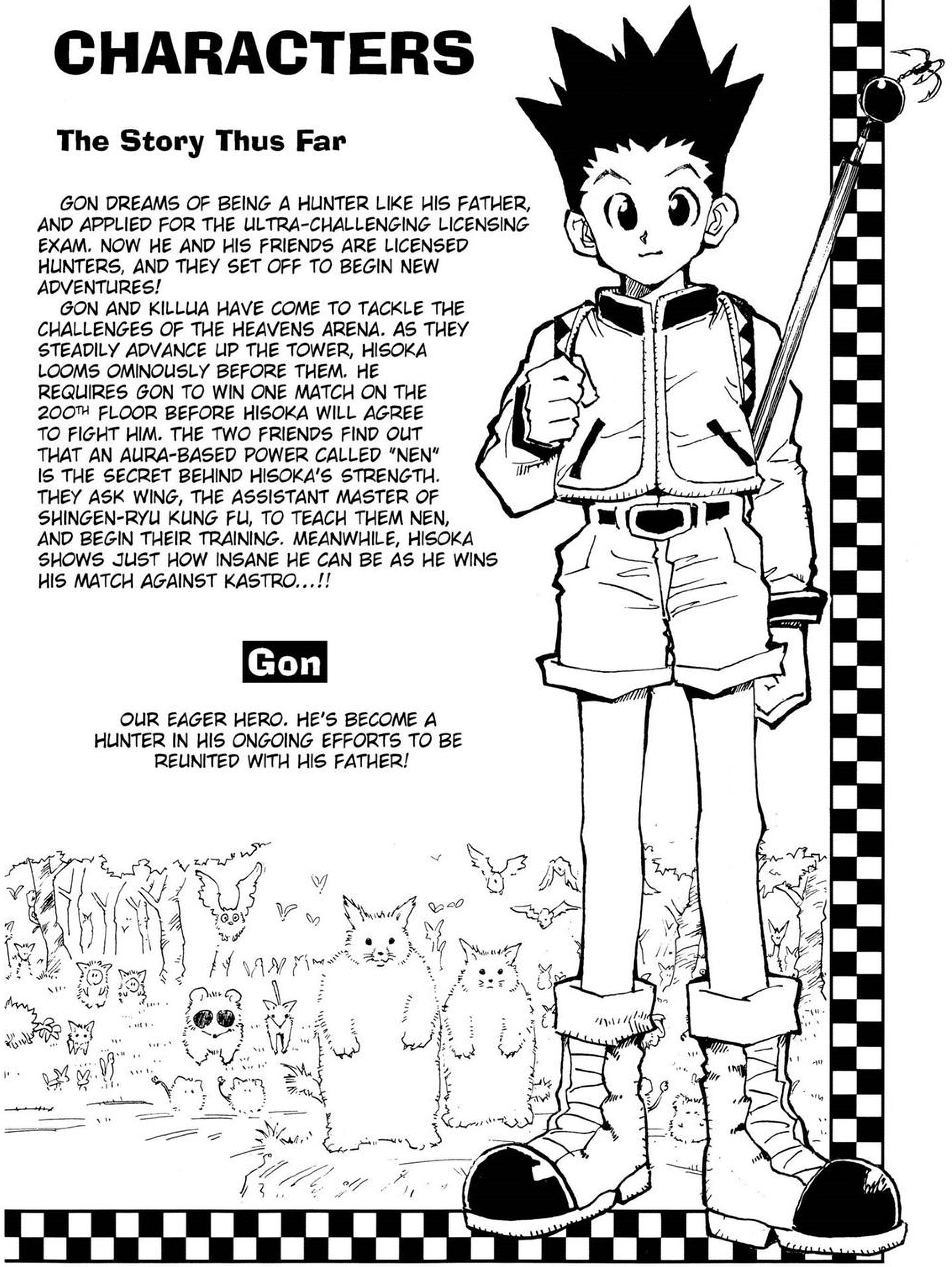
CHARACTERS

The Story Thus Far

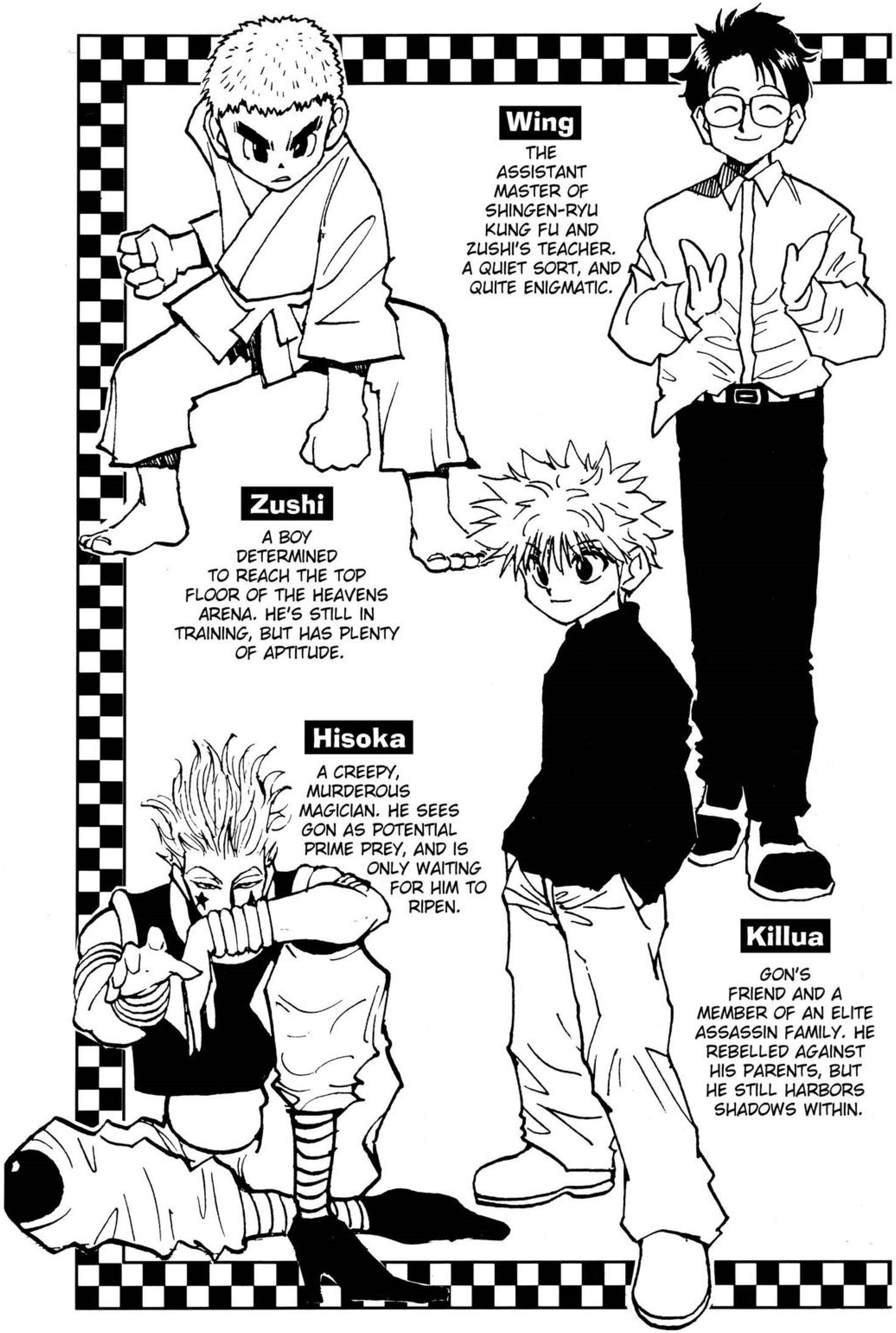
GON DREAMS OF BEING A HUNTER LIKE HIS FATHER, AND APPLIED FOR THE ULTRA-CHALLENGING LICENSING EXAM. NOW HE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE LICENSED HUNTERS, AND THEY SET OFF TO BEGIN NEW ADVENTURES!

GON AND KILLUA HAVE COME TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES OF THE HEAVENS ARENA. AS THEY STEADILY ADVANCE UP THE TOWER, HISOKA LOOMS OMINOUSLY BEFORE THEM. HE REQUIRES GON TO WIN ONE MATCH ON THE 200th FLOOR BEFORE HISOKA WILL AGREE TO FIGHT HIM. THE TWO FRIENDS FIND OUT THAT AN AURA-BASED POWER CALLED "NEN" IS THE SECRET BEHIND HISOKA'S STRENGTH. THEY ASK WING, THE ASSISTANT MASTER OF SHINGEN-RYU KUNG FU, TO TEACH THEM NEN, AND BEGIN THEIR TRAINING. MEANWHILE, HISOKA SHOWS JUST HOW INSANE HE CAN BE AS HE WINS HIS MATCH AGAINST KASTRO...!!



Gon

OUR EAGER HERO. HE'S BECOME A HUNTER IN HIS ONGOING EFFORTS TO BE REUNITED WITH HIS FATHER!



Wing

THE ASSISTANT MASTER OF SHINGEN-RYU KUNG FU AND ZUSHI'S TEACHER. A QUIET SORT, AND QUITE ENIGMATIC.

Zushi

A BOY DETERMINED TO REACH THE TOP FLOOR OF THE HEAVENS ARENA. HE'S STILL IN TRAINING, BUT HAS PLENTY OF APTITUDE.

Hisoka

A CREEPY, MURDEROUS MAGICIAN. HE SEES GON AS POTENTIAL PRIME PREY, AND IS ONLY WAITING FOR HIM TO RIPEN.

Killua

GON'S FRIEND AND A MEMBER OF AN ELITE ASSASSIN FAMILY. HE REBELLED AGAINST HIS PARENTS, BUT HE STILL HARBORS SHADOWS WITHIN.

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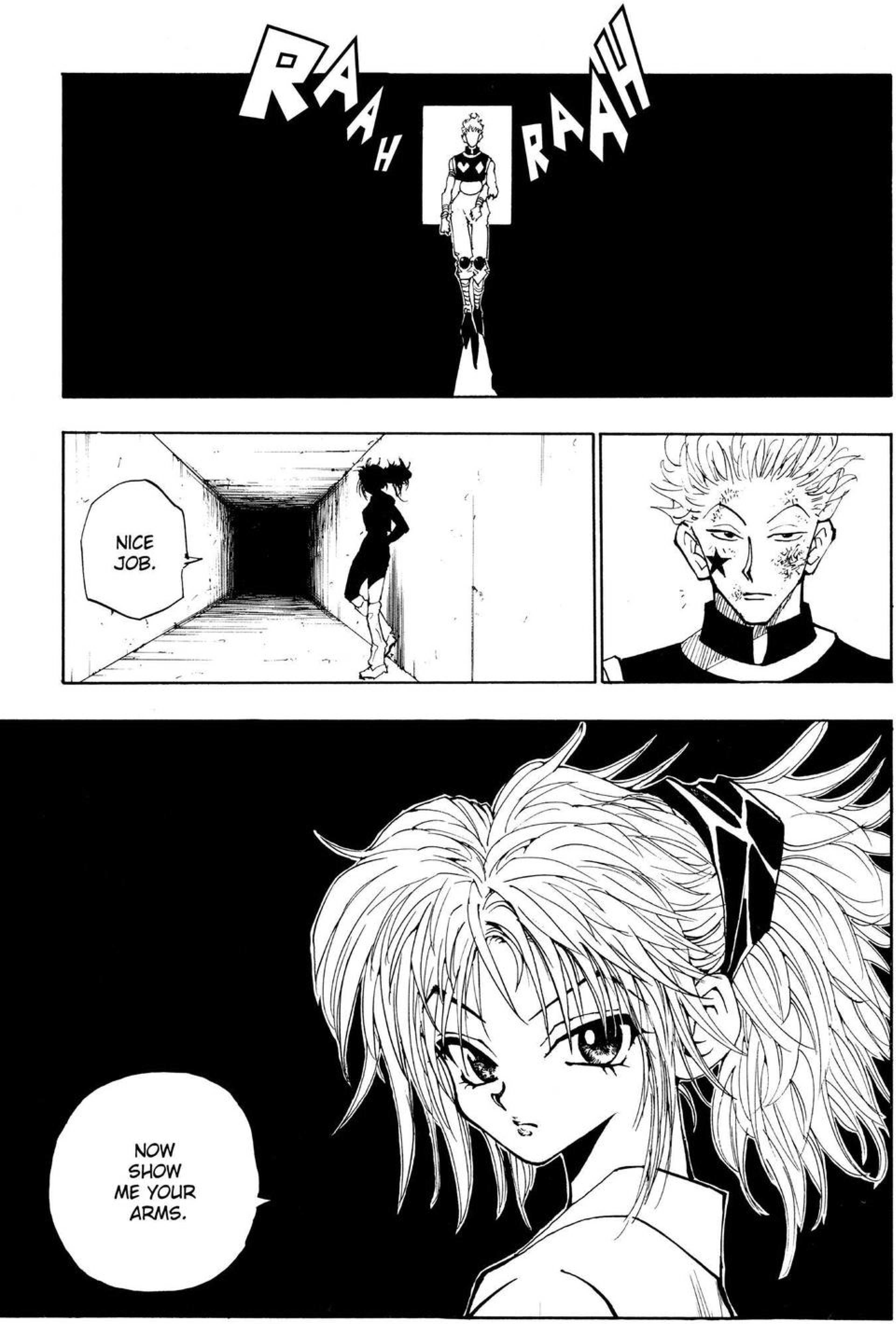
RAAH
RAAH
NICE JOB.
NOW SHOW ME YOUR ARMS.

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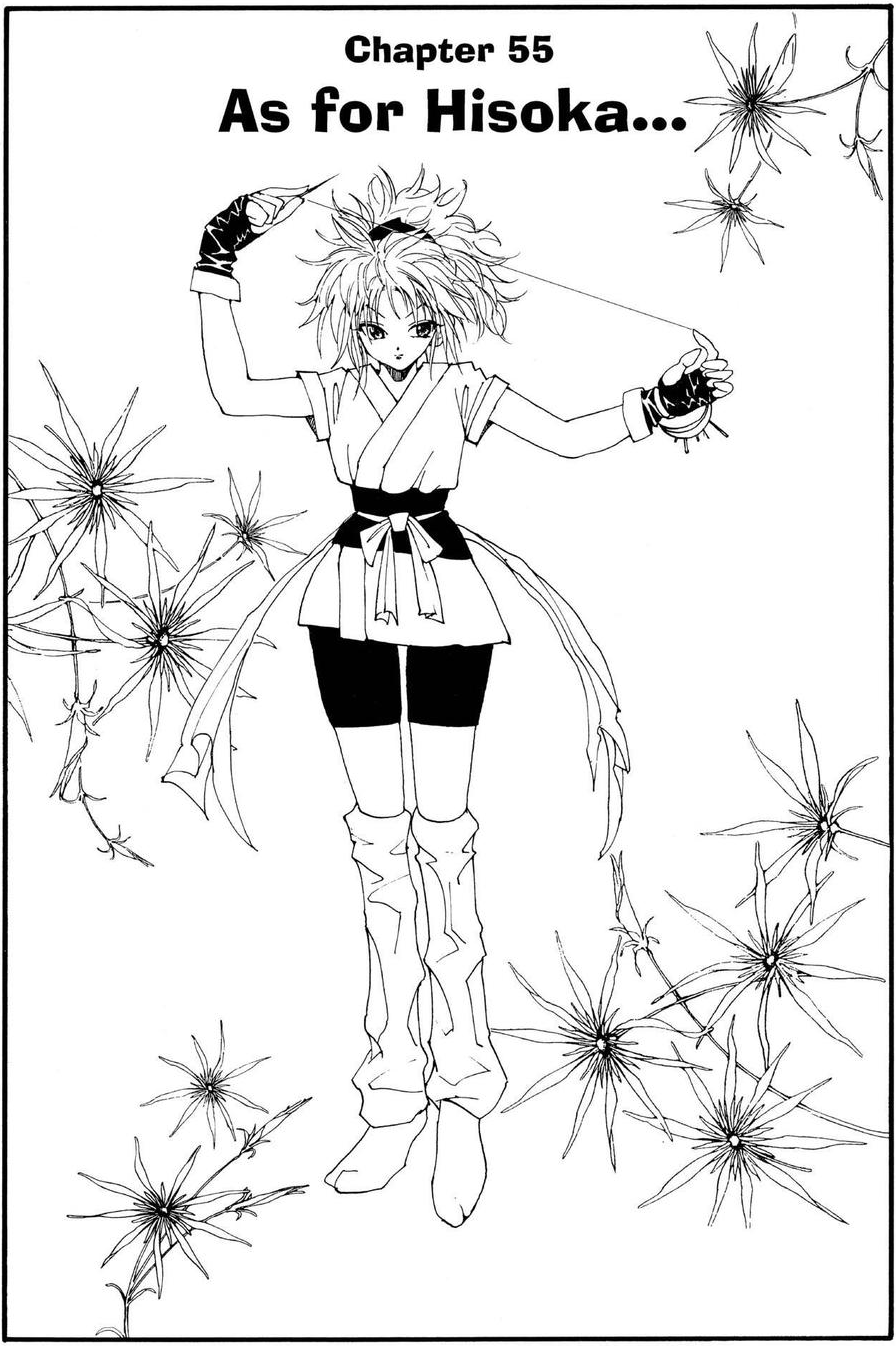
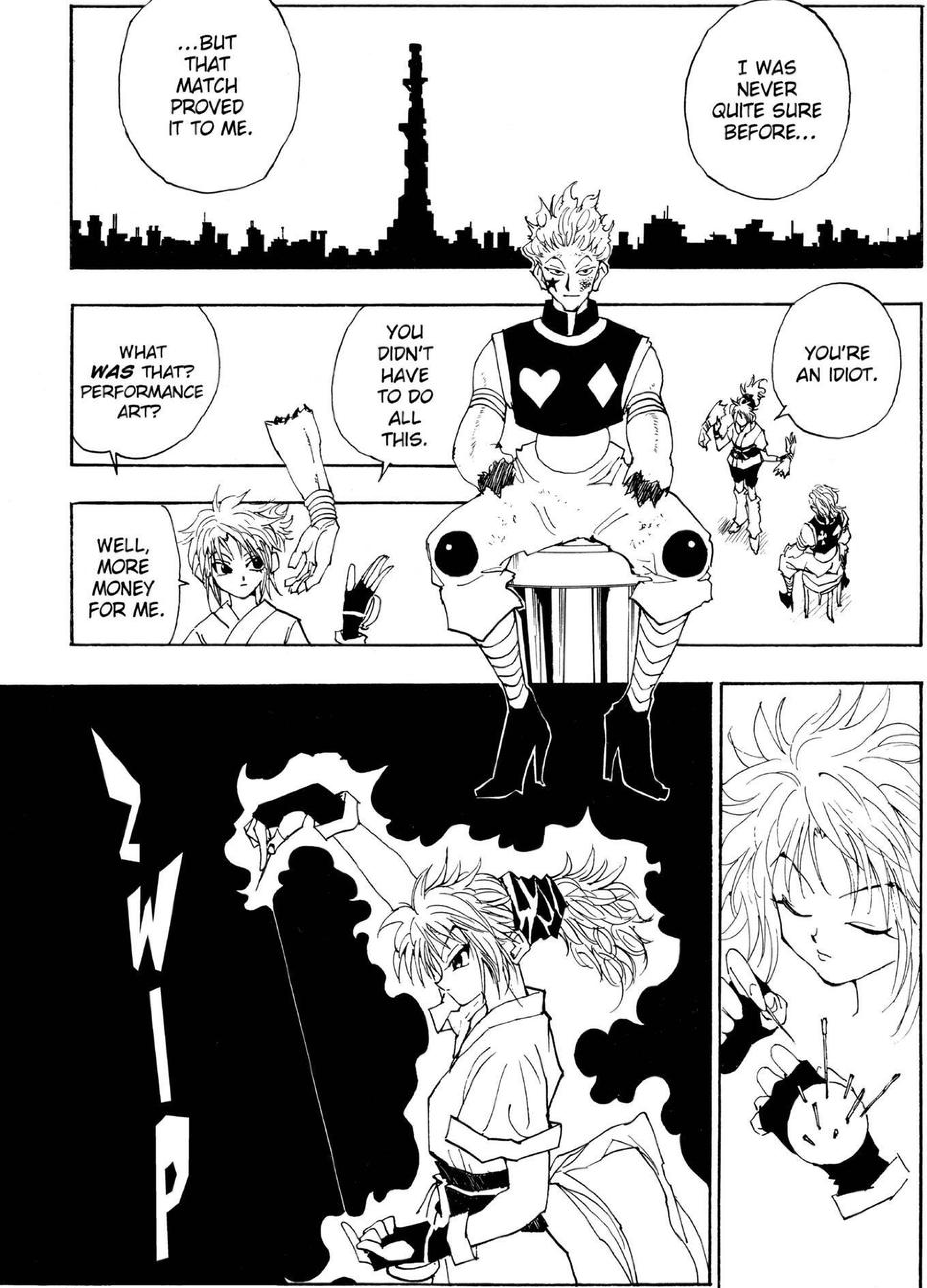
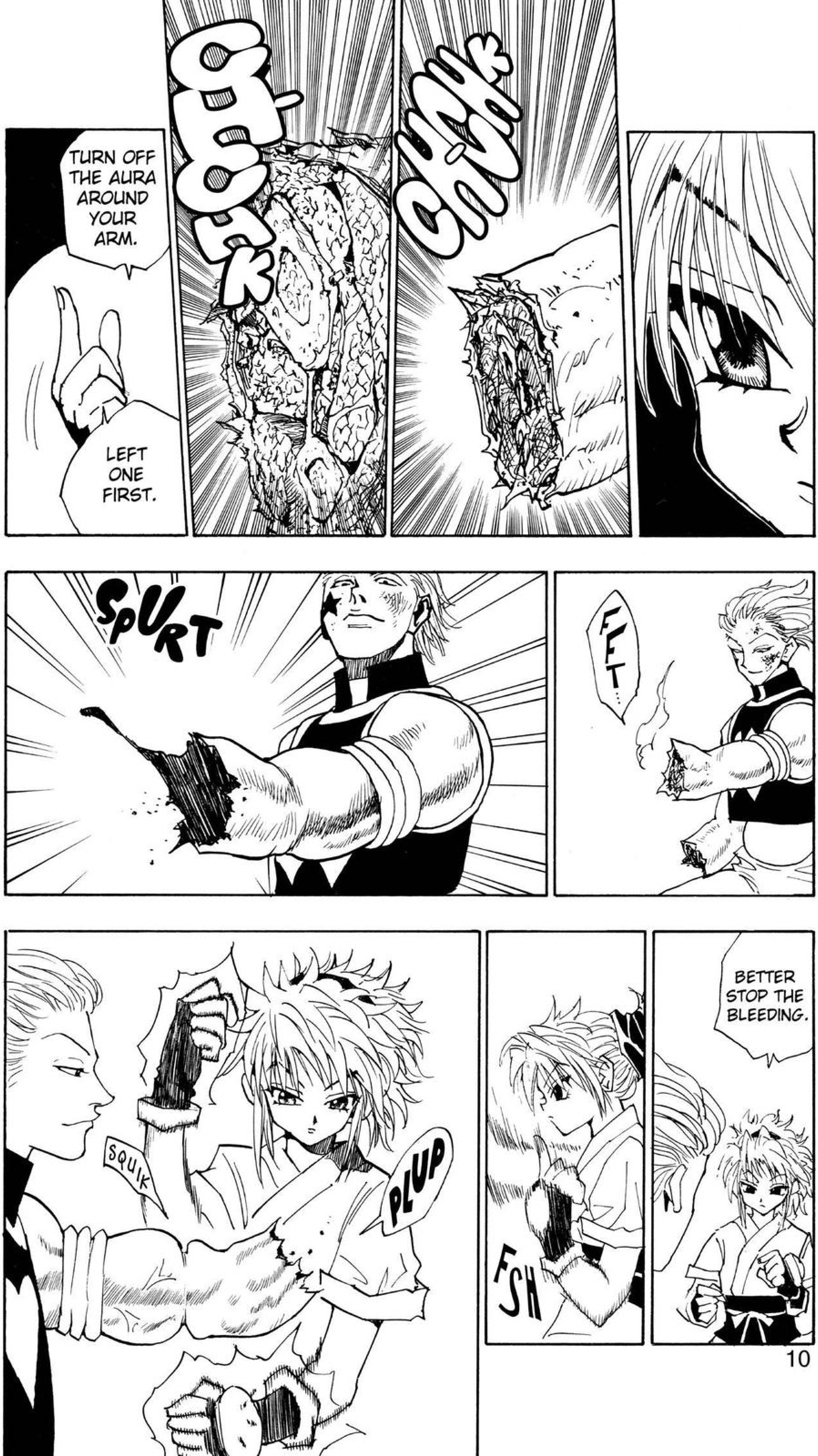
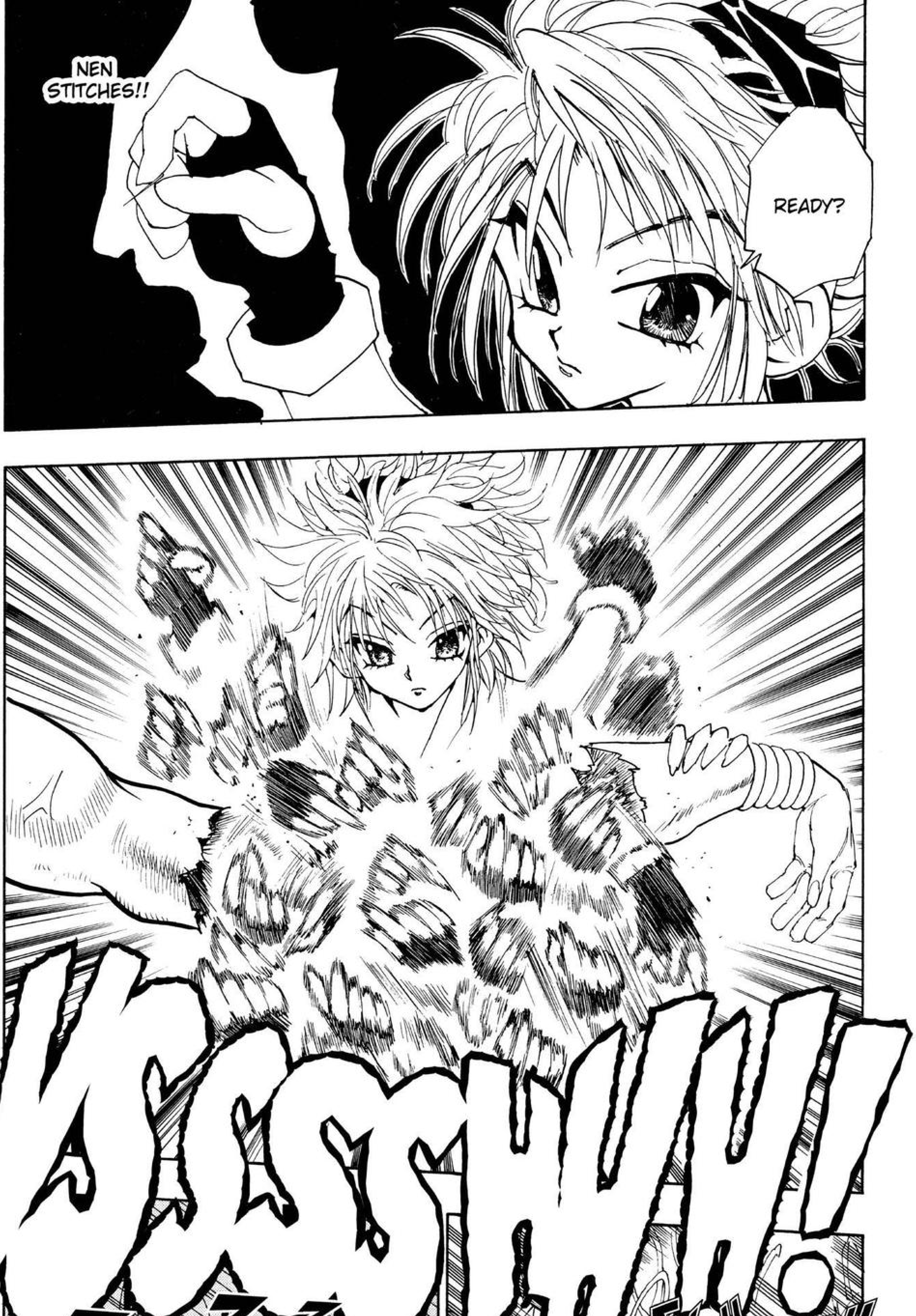
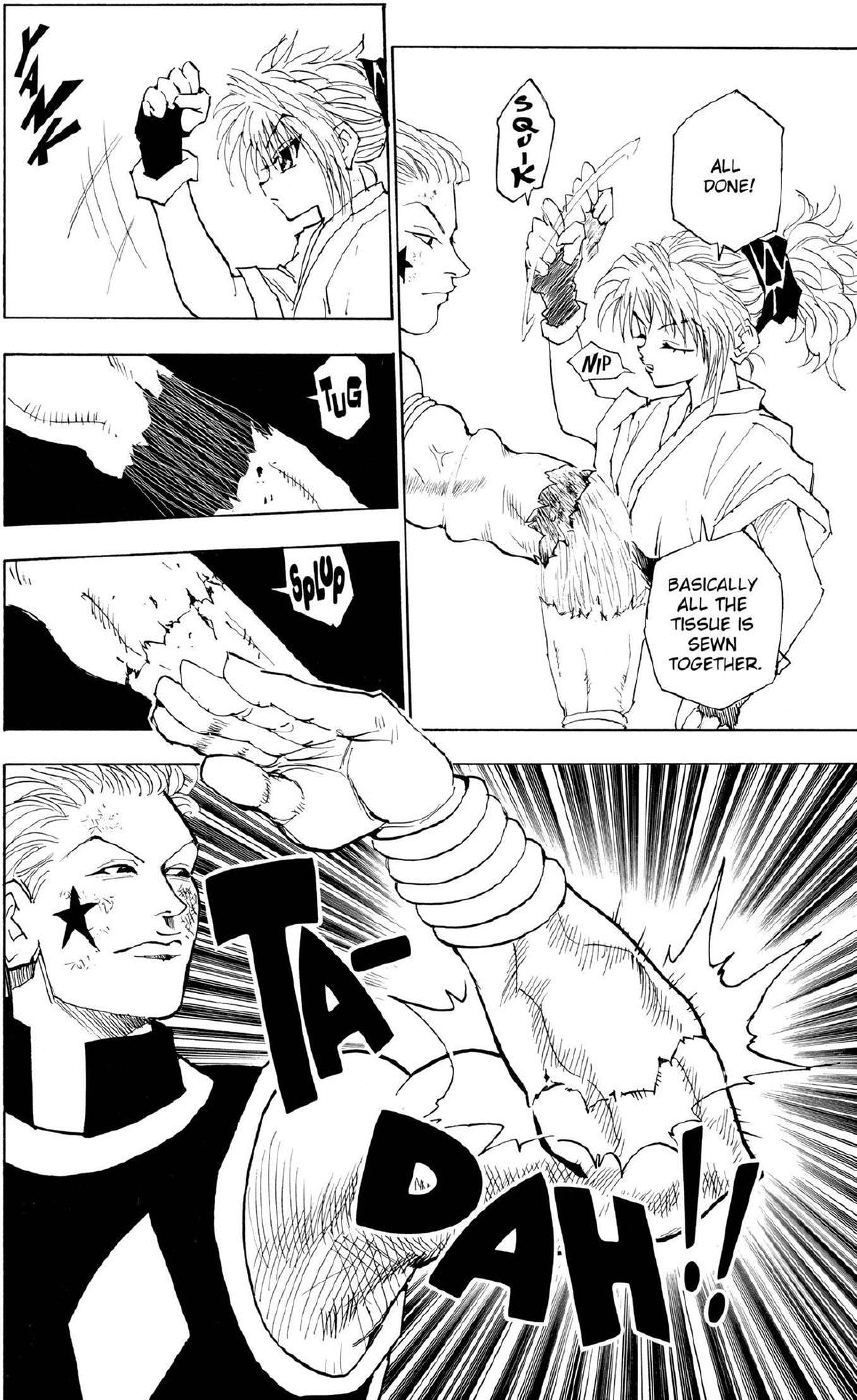
As for Hisoka...

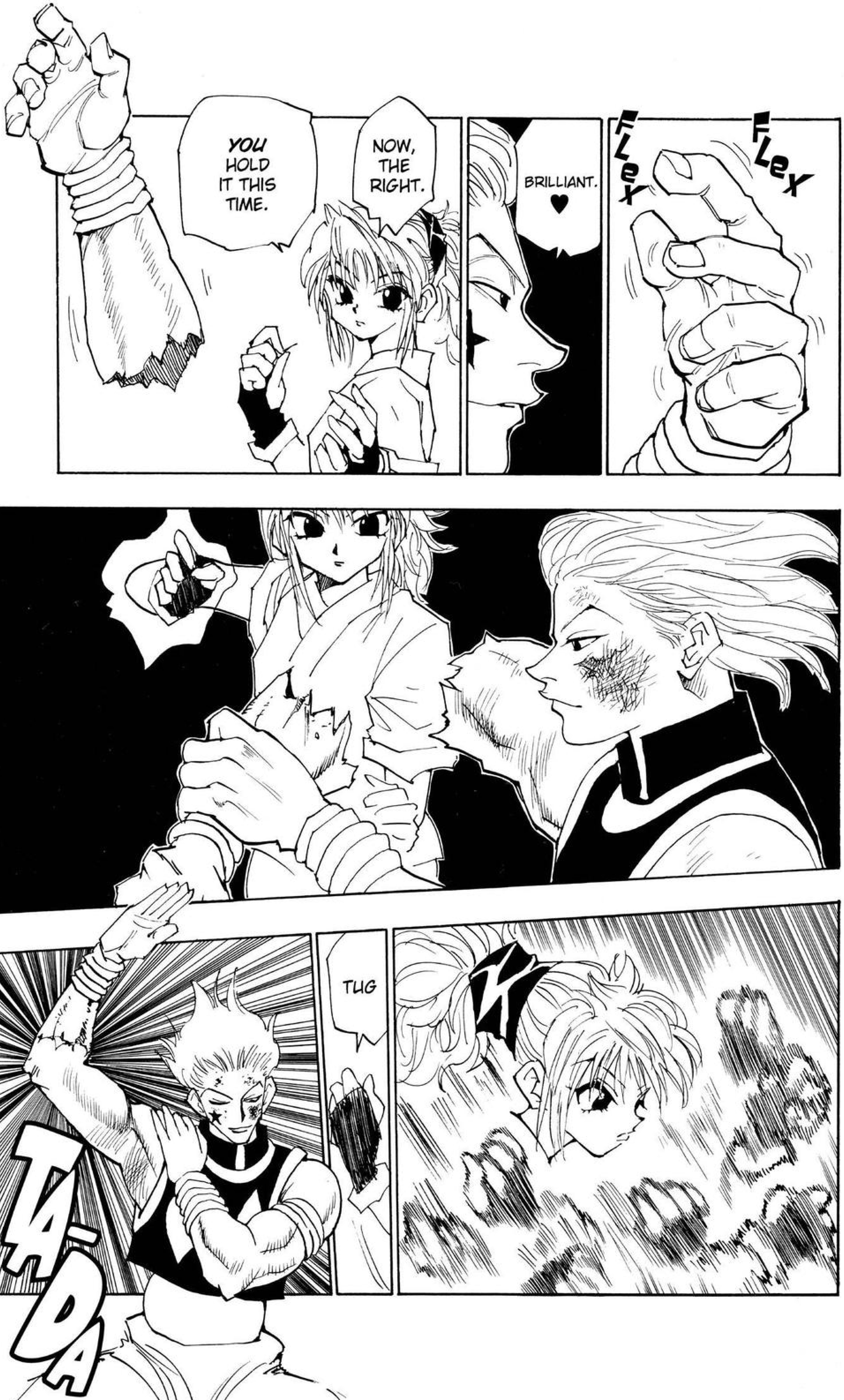


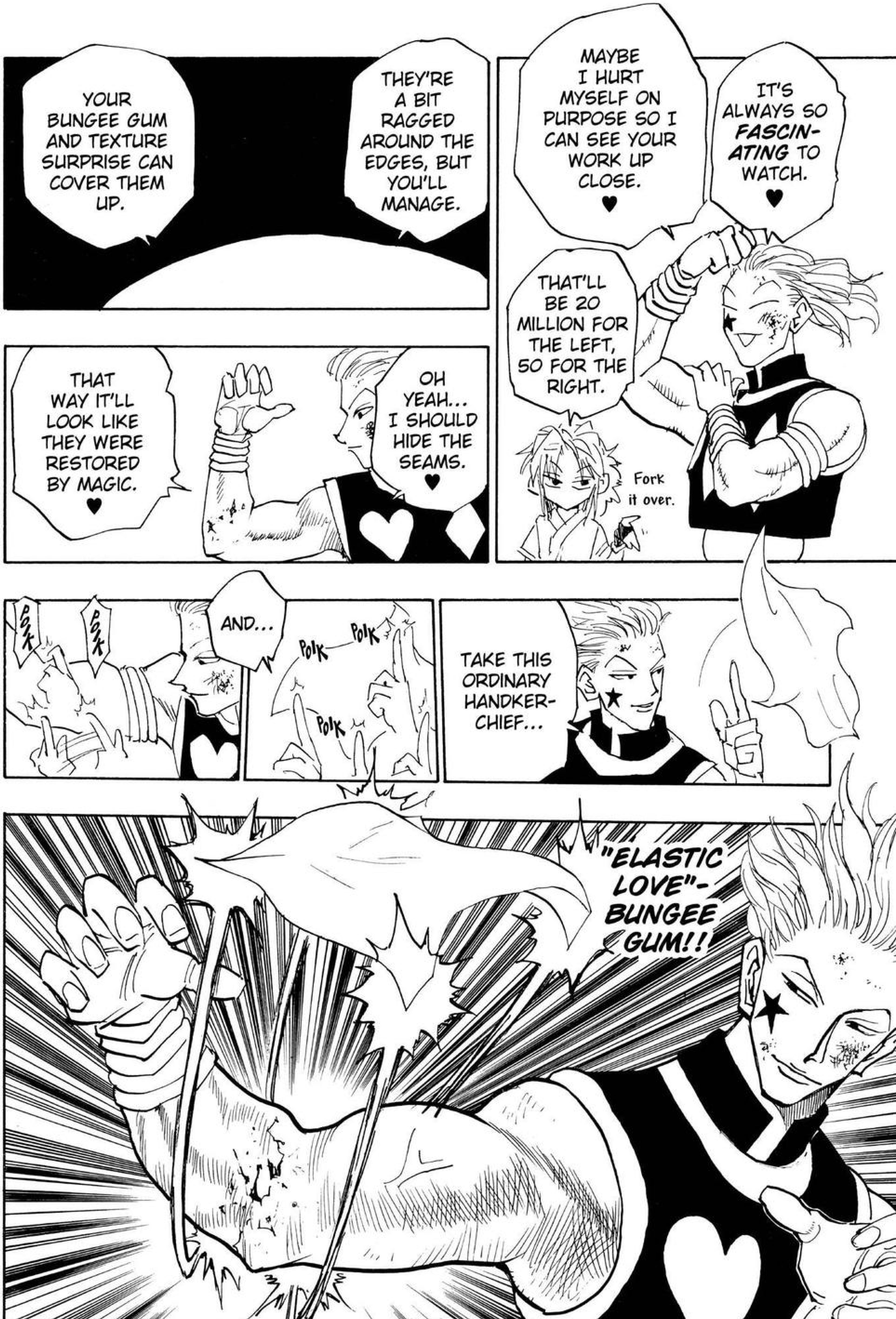

I WAS NEVER QUITE SURE BEFORE...
...BUT THAT MATCH PROVED IT TO ME.
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ALL THIS.
WHAT **WAS** THAT? PERFORMANCE ART?
WELL, MORE MONEY FOR ME.
ZWIP

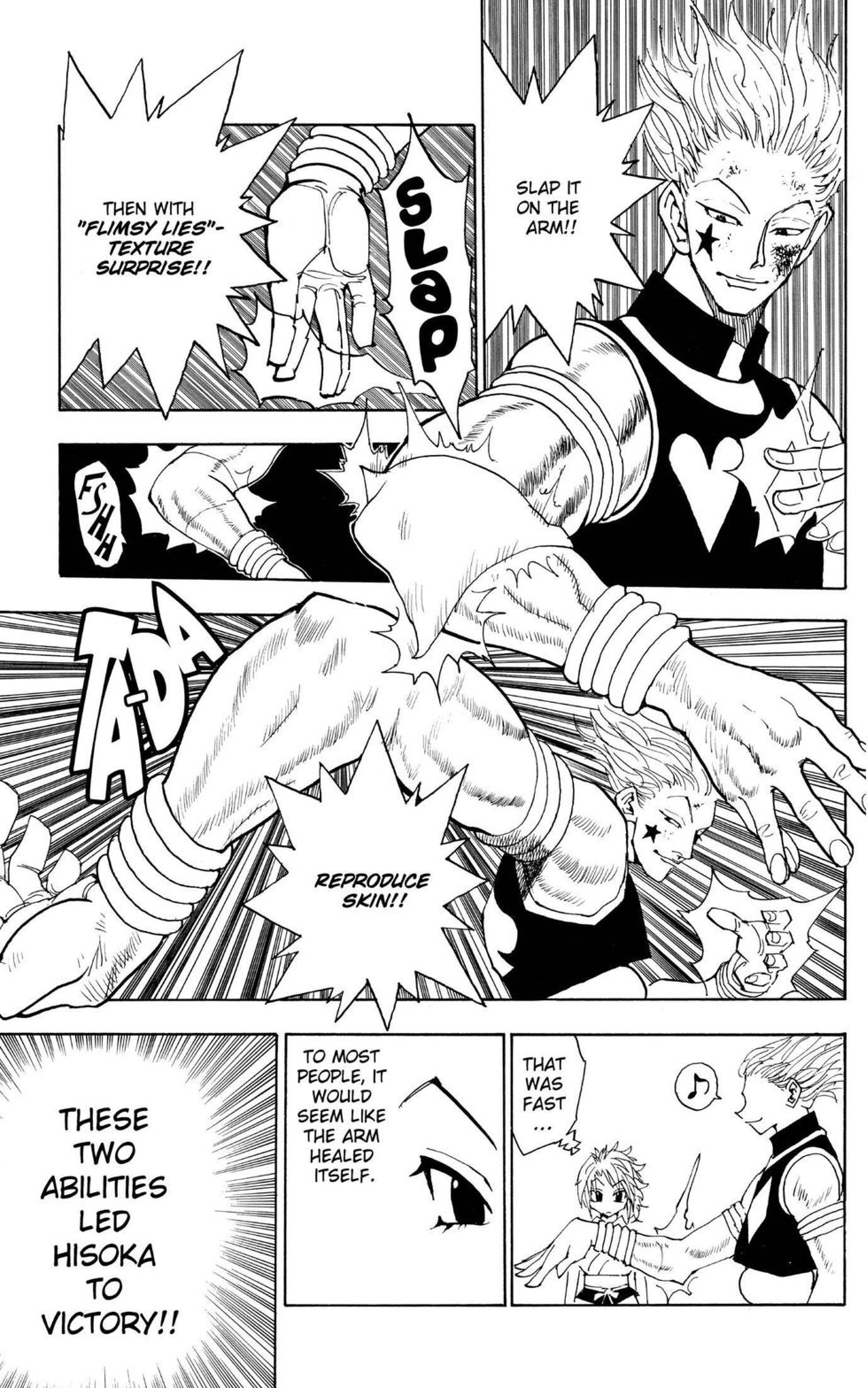

TURN OFF THE AURA AROUND YOUR ARM.
LEFT ONE FIRST.
CHOK
CHUNK
SPURT
FFT...
SQUIK
PLUP
FSH
BETTER STOP THE BLEEDING.

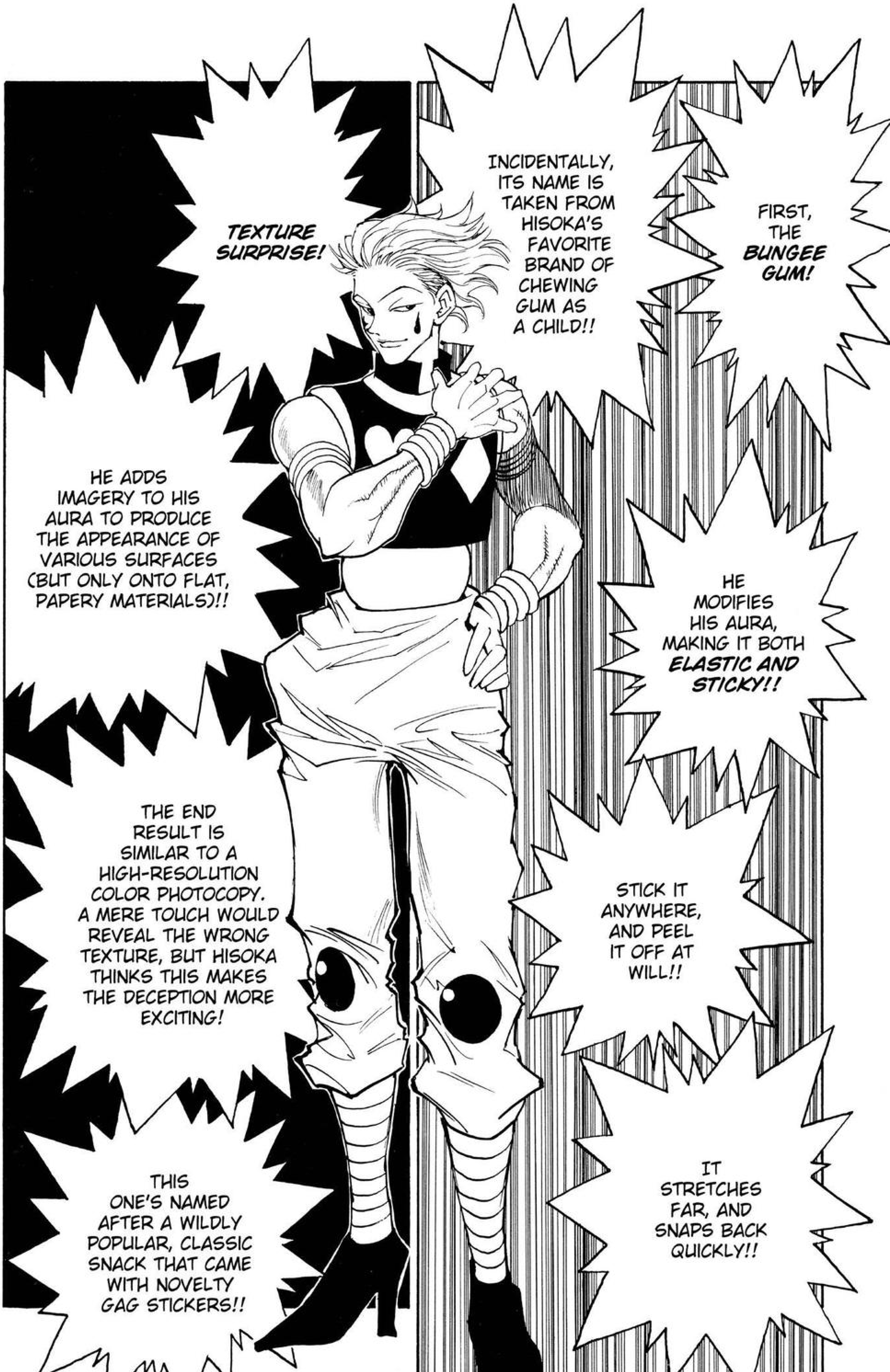

READY?
NEN STITCHES!!
VSSHH!
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP

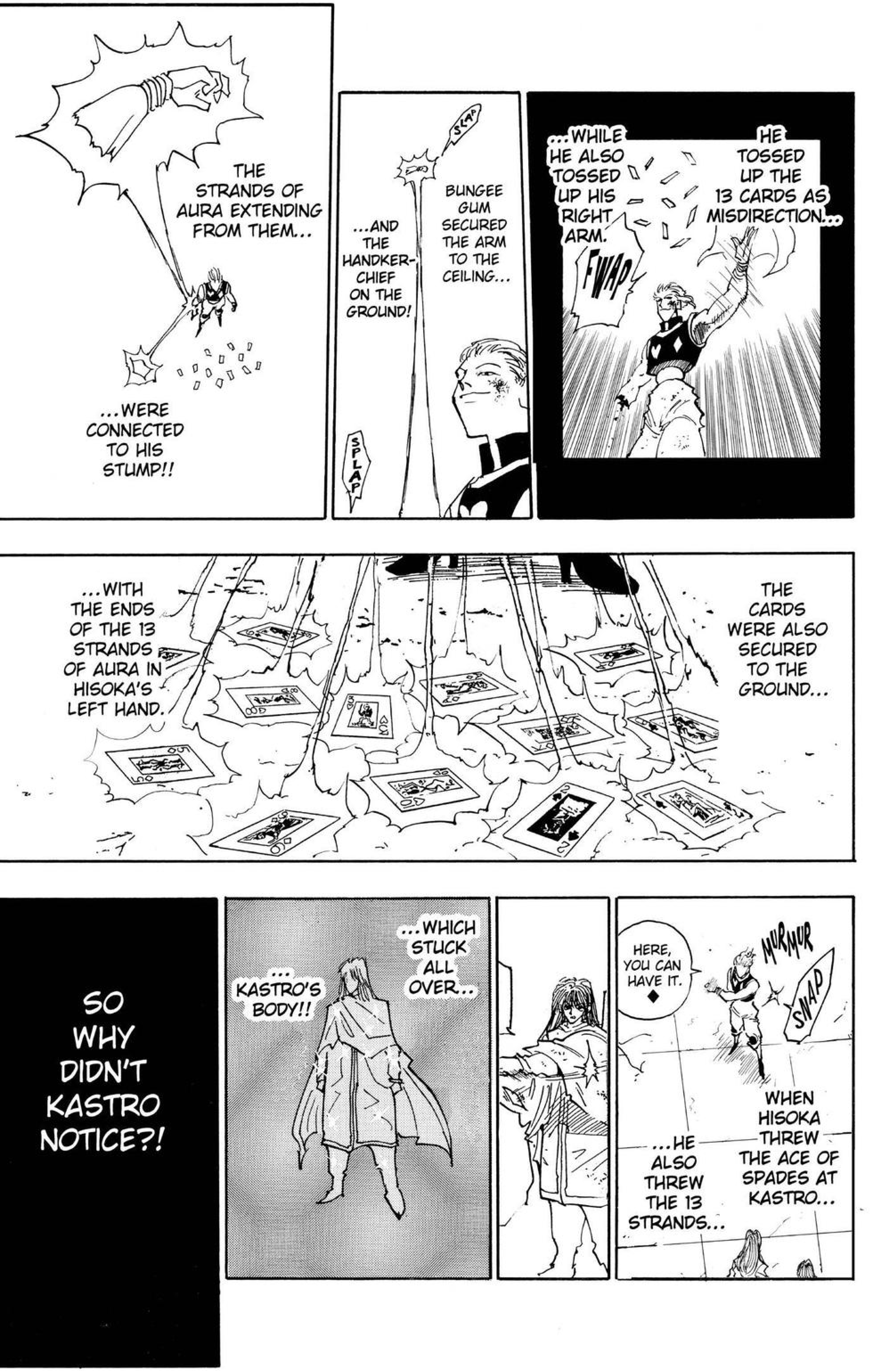

SQUIK
ALL DONE!
NIP
BASICALLY ALL THE TISSUE IS SEWN TOGETHER.
YANK
TUG
SPLUP
TA-DAH!!

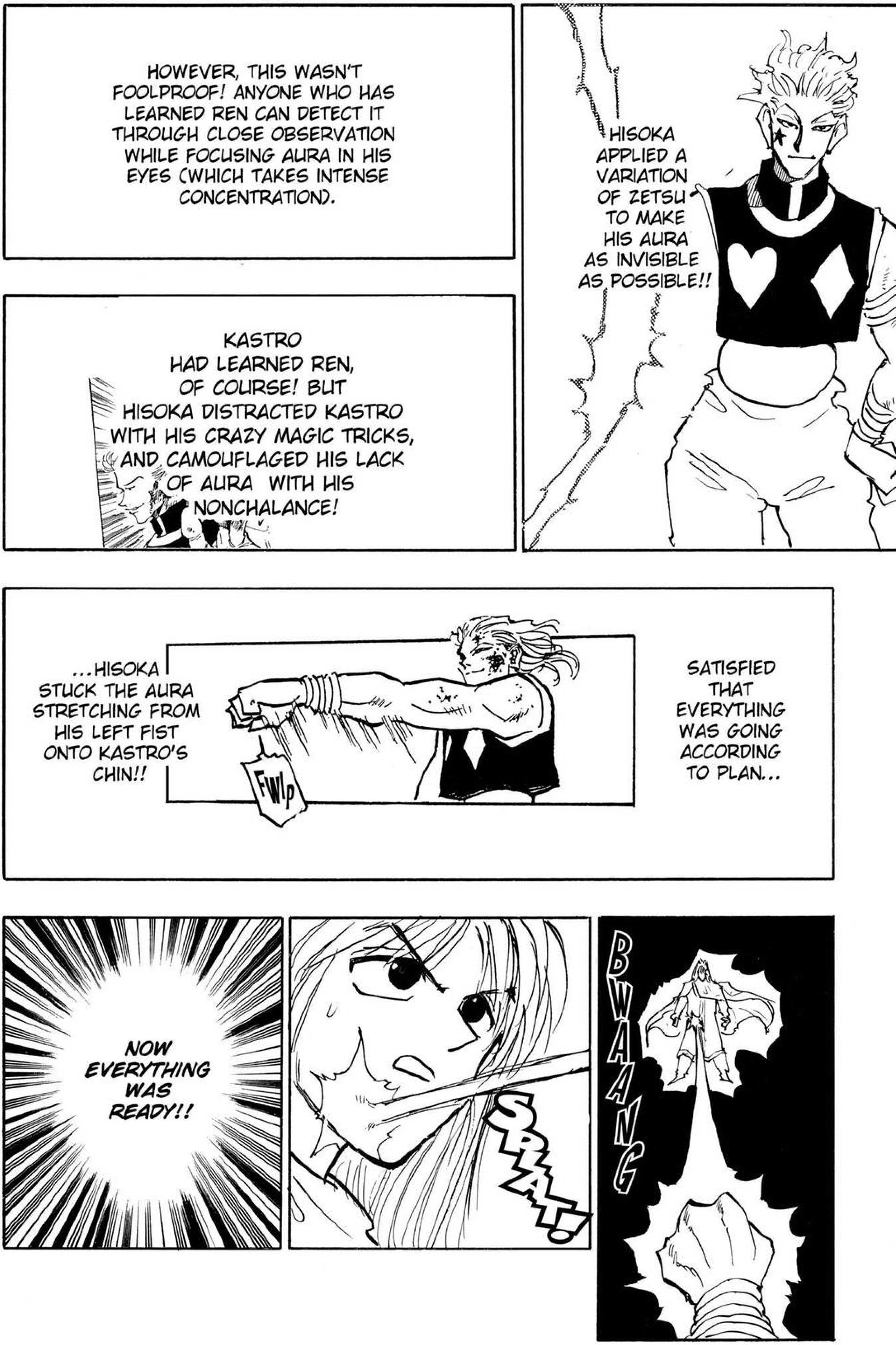

FLEX
FLEX
BRILLIANT. ♥
NOW, THE RIGHT.
YOU HOLD IT THIS TIME.
TUG
TA-DA


IT'S ALWAYS SO *FASCINATING* TO WATCH. ♥
MAYBE I HURT MYSELF ON PURPOSE SO I CAN SEE YOUR WORK UP CLOSE. ♥
THAT'LL BE 20 MILLION FOR THE LEFT, 50 FOR THE RIGHT.
Fork it over.
THEY'RE A BIT RAGGED AROUND THE EDGES, BUT YOU'LL MANAGE.
YOUR BUNGEE GUM AND TEXTURE SURPRISE CAN COVER THEM UP.
OH YEAH... I SHOULD HIDE THE SEAMS. ♥
THAT WAY IT'LL LOOK LIKE THEY WERE RESTORED BY MAGIC. ♥
TAKE THIS ORDINARY HANDKERCHIEF...
POK
POK
POK
AND...
POK
POK
"ELASTIC LOVE"- BUNGEE GUM!!

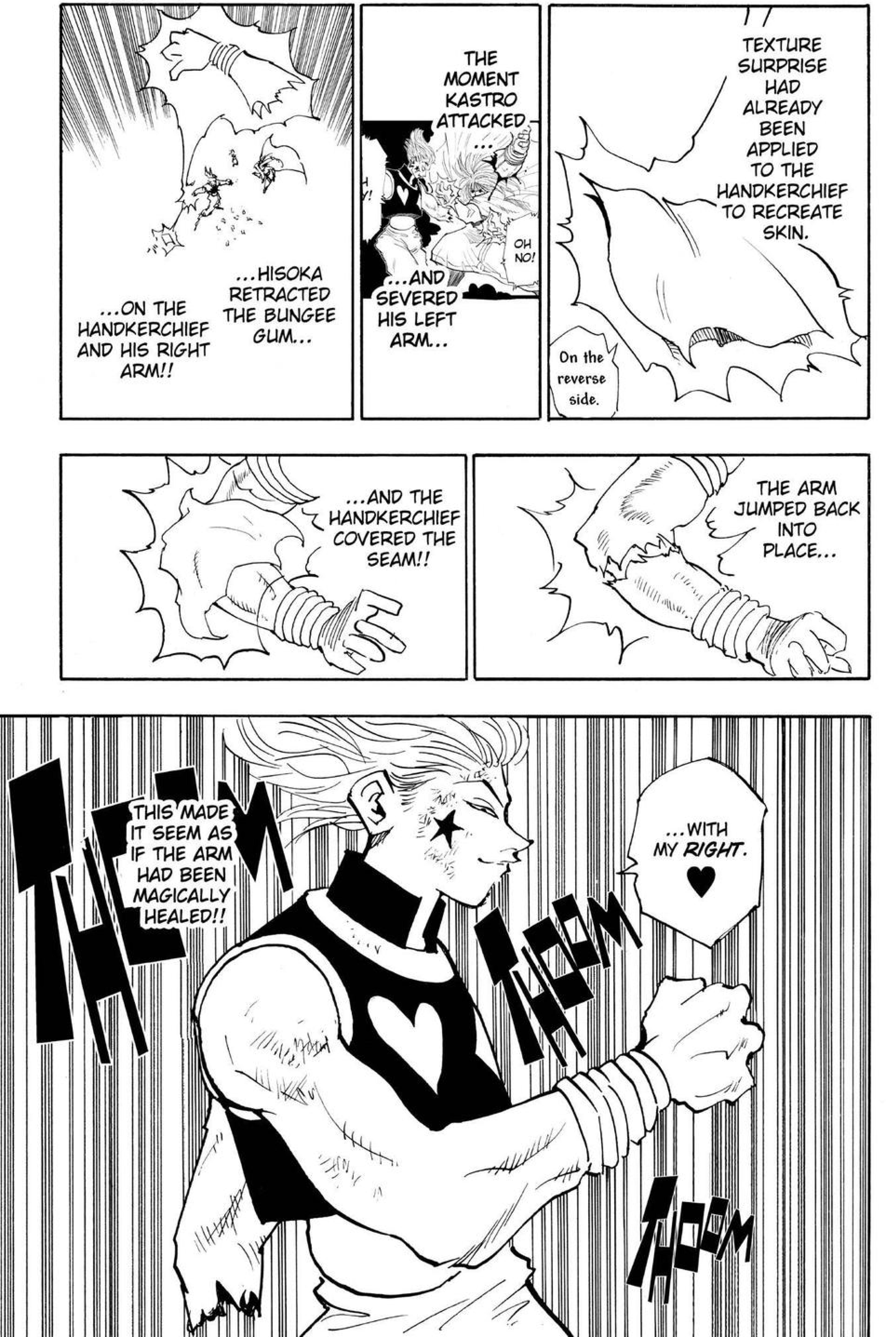

SLAP IT ON THE ARM!!
SLAP
THEN WITH "FLIMSY LIES"-TEXTURE SURPRISE!!
FSHH
TA-DA
REPRODUCE SKIN!!
THAT WAS FAST ...
♪
TO MOST PEOPLE, IT WOULD SEEM LIKE THE ARM HEALED ITSELF.
THESE TWO ABILITIES LED HISOKA TO VICTORY!!


FIRST, THE ***BUNGEE GUM!***
INCIDENTALLY, ITS NAME IS TAKEN FROM HISOKA'S FAVORITE BRAND OF CHEWING GUM AS A CHILD!!
HE MODIFIES HIS AURA, MAKING IT BOTH ***ELASTIC AND STICKY!!***
STICK IT ANYWHERE, AND PEEL IT OFF AT WILL!!
IT STRETCHES FAR, AND SNAPS BACK QUICKLY!!
TEXTURE SURPRISE!
HE ADDS IMAGERY TO HIS AURA TO PRODUCE THE APPEARANCE OF VARIOUS SURFACES (BUT ONLY ONTO FLAT, PAPERY MATERIALS)!!
THE END RESULT IS SIMILAR TO A HIGH-RESOLUTION COLOR PHOTOCOPY. A MERE TOUCH WOULD REVEAL THE WRONG TEXTURE, BUT HISOKA THINKS THIS MAKES THE DECEPTION MORE EXCITING!
THIS ONE'S NAMED AFTER A WILDLY POPULAR, CLASSIC SNACK THAT CAME WITH NOVELTY GAG STICKERS!!


HE TOSSED UP THE 13 CARDS AS MISDIRECTION...
...WHILE HE ALSO TOSSED UP HIS RIGHT ARM.
FWAP
BUNGEE GUM SECURED THE ARM TO THE CEILING...
...AND THE HANDKERCHIEF ON THE GROUND!
SLAP
SPLAP
THE STRANDS OF AURA EXTENDING FROM THEM...
...WERE CONNECTED TO HIS STUMP!!
THE CARDS WERE ALSO SECURED TO THE GROUND...
...WITH THE ENDS OF THE 13 STRANDS OF AURA IN HISOKA'S LEFT HAND.
MURMUR
HERE, YOU CAN HAVE IT. ◆
SNAP
WHEN HISOKA THREW THE ACE OF SPADES AT KASTRO...
...HE ALSO THREW THE 13 STRANDS...
...WHICH STUCK ALL OVER...
...KASTRO'S BODY!!
SO WHY DIDN'T KASTRO NOTICE?!


HISOKA APPLIED A VARIATION OF ZETSU TO MAKE HIS AURA AS INVISIBLE AS POSSIBLE!!
HOWEVER, THIS WASN'T FOOLPROOF! ANYONE WHO HAS LEARNED REN CAN DETECT IT THROUGH CLOSE OBSERVATION WHILE FOCUSING AURA IN HIS EYES (WHICH TAKES INTENSE CONCENTRATION).
KASTRO HAD LEARNED REN, OF COURSE! BUT HISOKA DISTRACTED KASTRO WITH HIS CRAZY MAGIC TRICKS, AND CAMOUFLAGED HIS LACK OF AURA WITH HIS NONCHALANCE!
SATISFIED THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN...
...HISOKA STUCK THE AURA STRETCHING FROM HIS LEFT FIST ONTO KASTRO'S CHIN!!
FWIP
BWAANG
SPLAT!
NOW EVERYTHING WAS READY!!

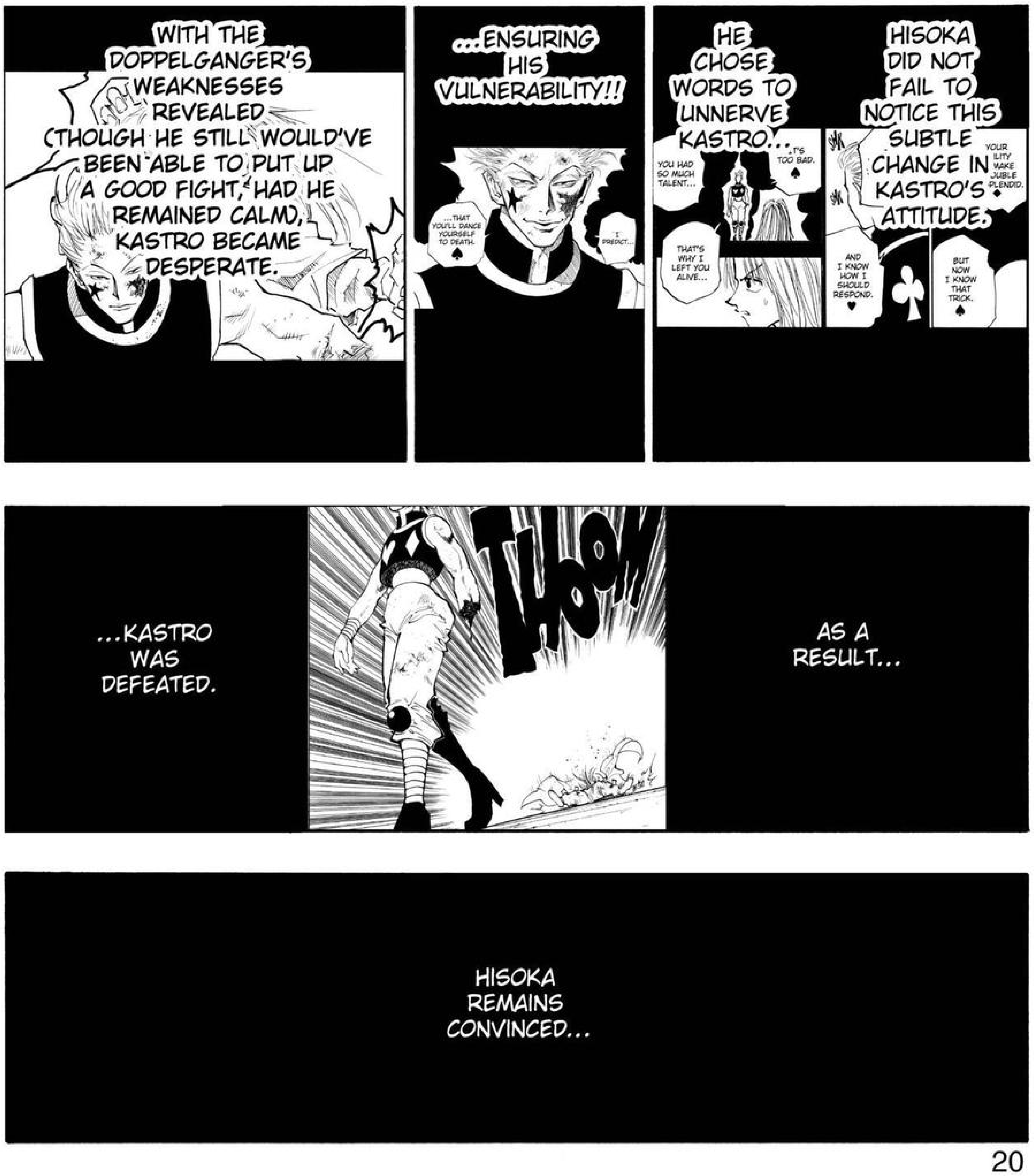
READ THIS WAY

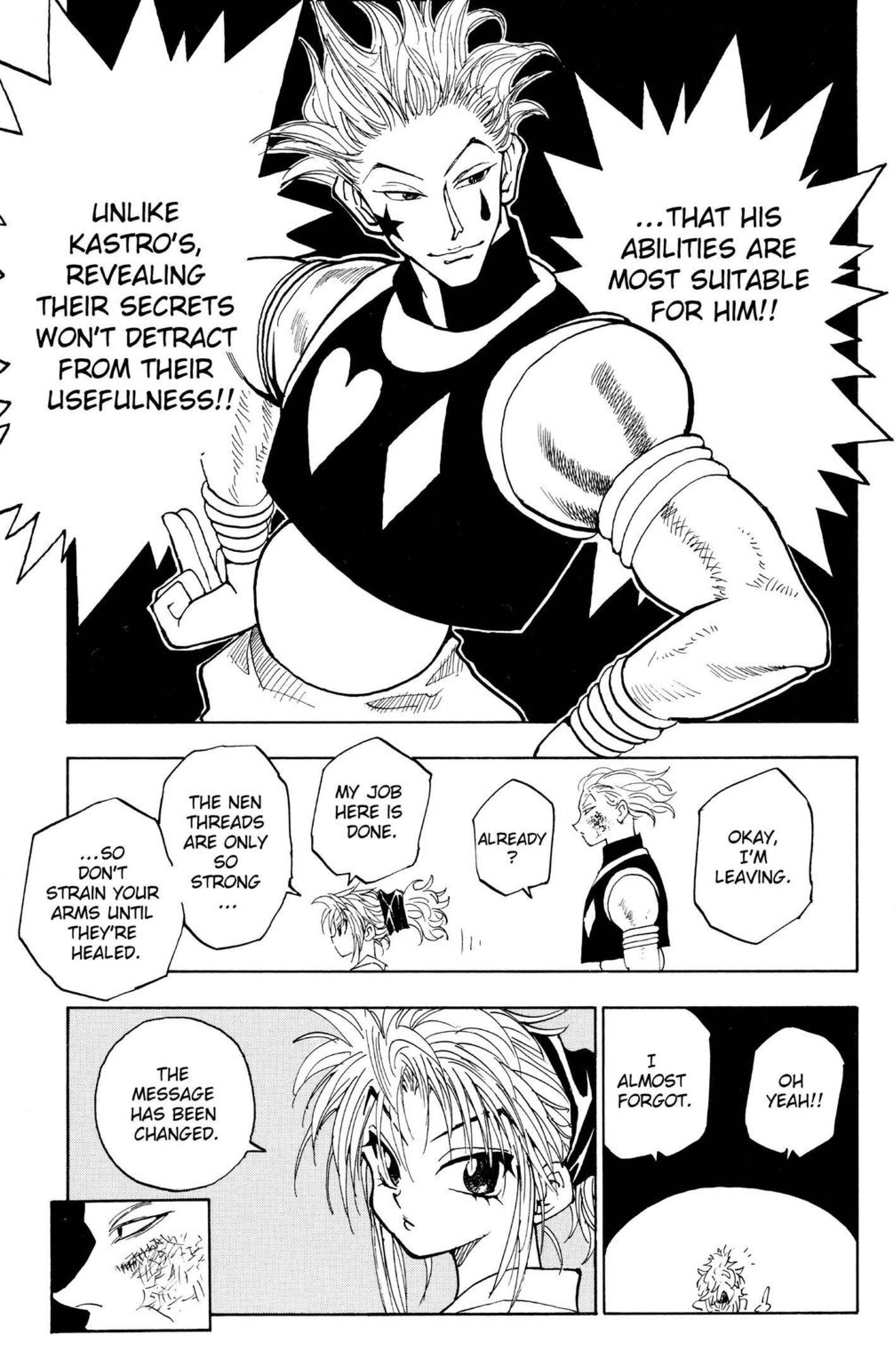

TEXTURE SURPRISE HAD ALREADY BEEN APPLIED TO THE HANDKERCHIEF TO RECREATE SKIN.
On the reverse side.
THE MOMENT KASTRO ATTACKED...
OH NO!
...AND SEVERED HIS LEFT ARM...
...HISOKA RETRACTED THE BUNGEE GUM...
...ON THE HANDKERCHIEF AND HIS RIGHT ARM!!
THE ARM JUMPED BACK INTO PLACE...
...AND THE HANDKERCHIEF COVERED THE SEAM!!
...WITH MY *RIGHT*. ♥
THOOM
THIS MADE IT SEEM AS IF THE ARM HAD BEEN MAGICALLY HEALED!!
THOOM

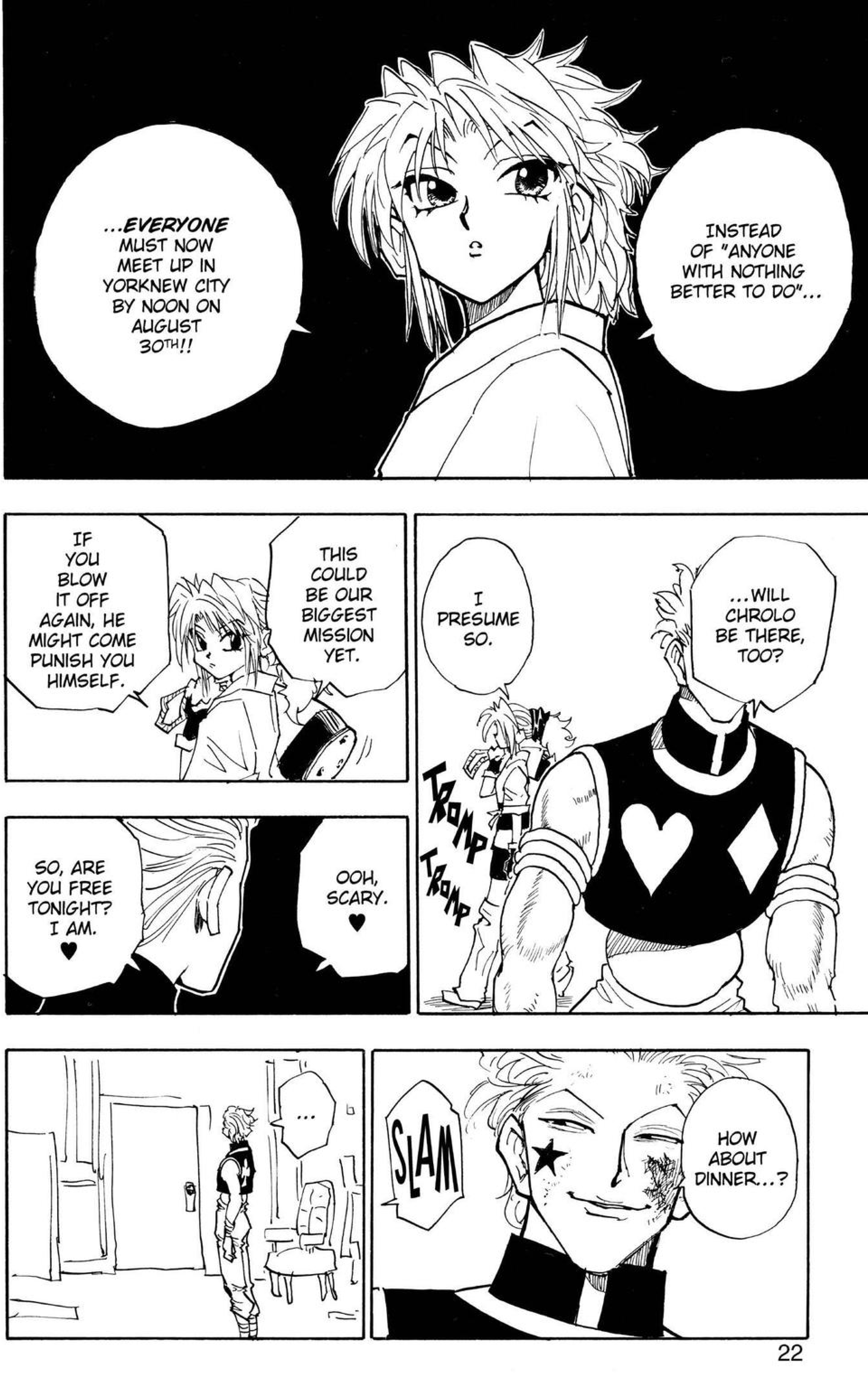
HOWEVER,
THIS TRICK BROUGHT KASTRO TO HIS SENSES.

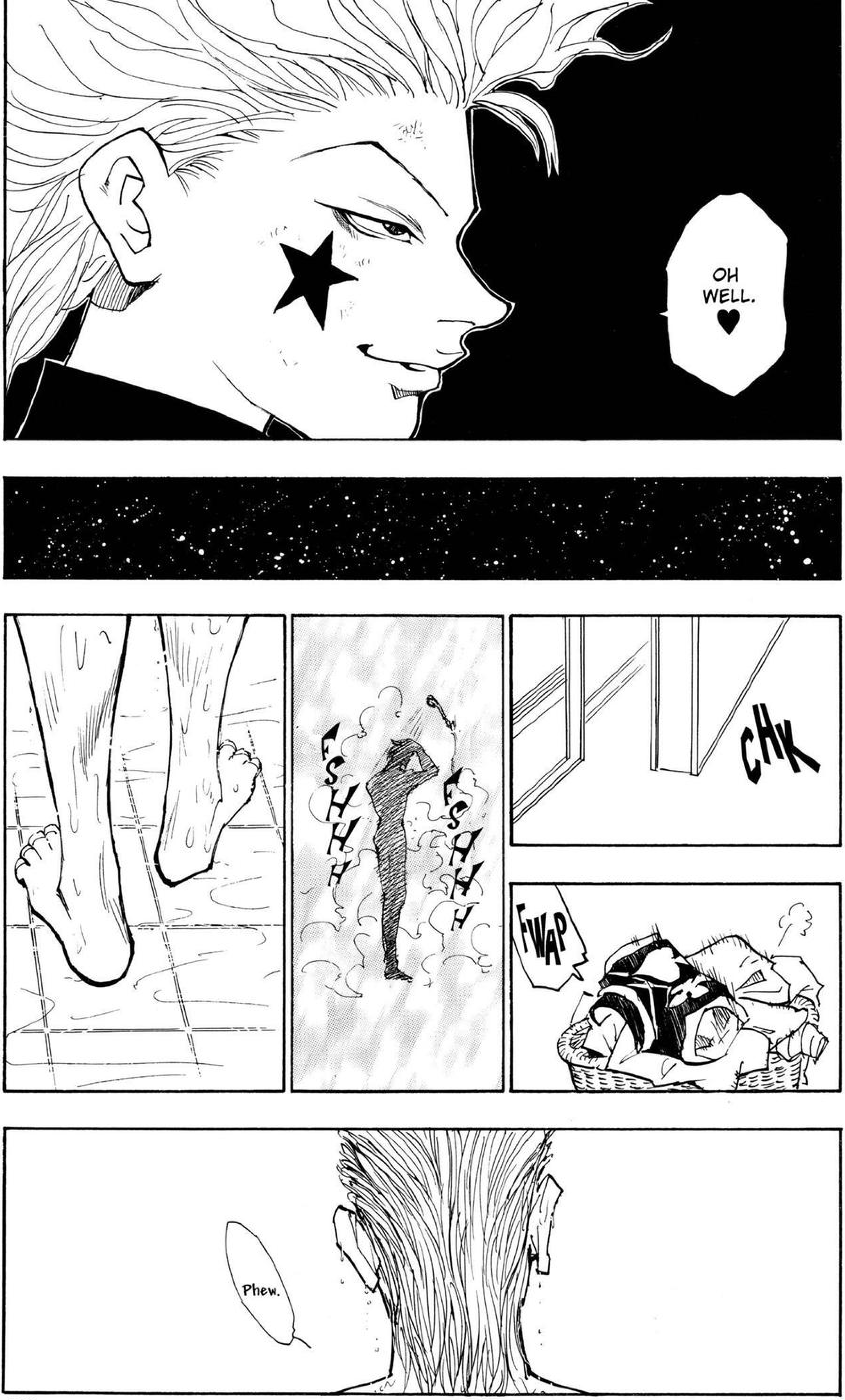
HE REALIZED THAT SUCH A FEAT
COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH NEN.

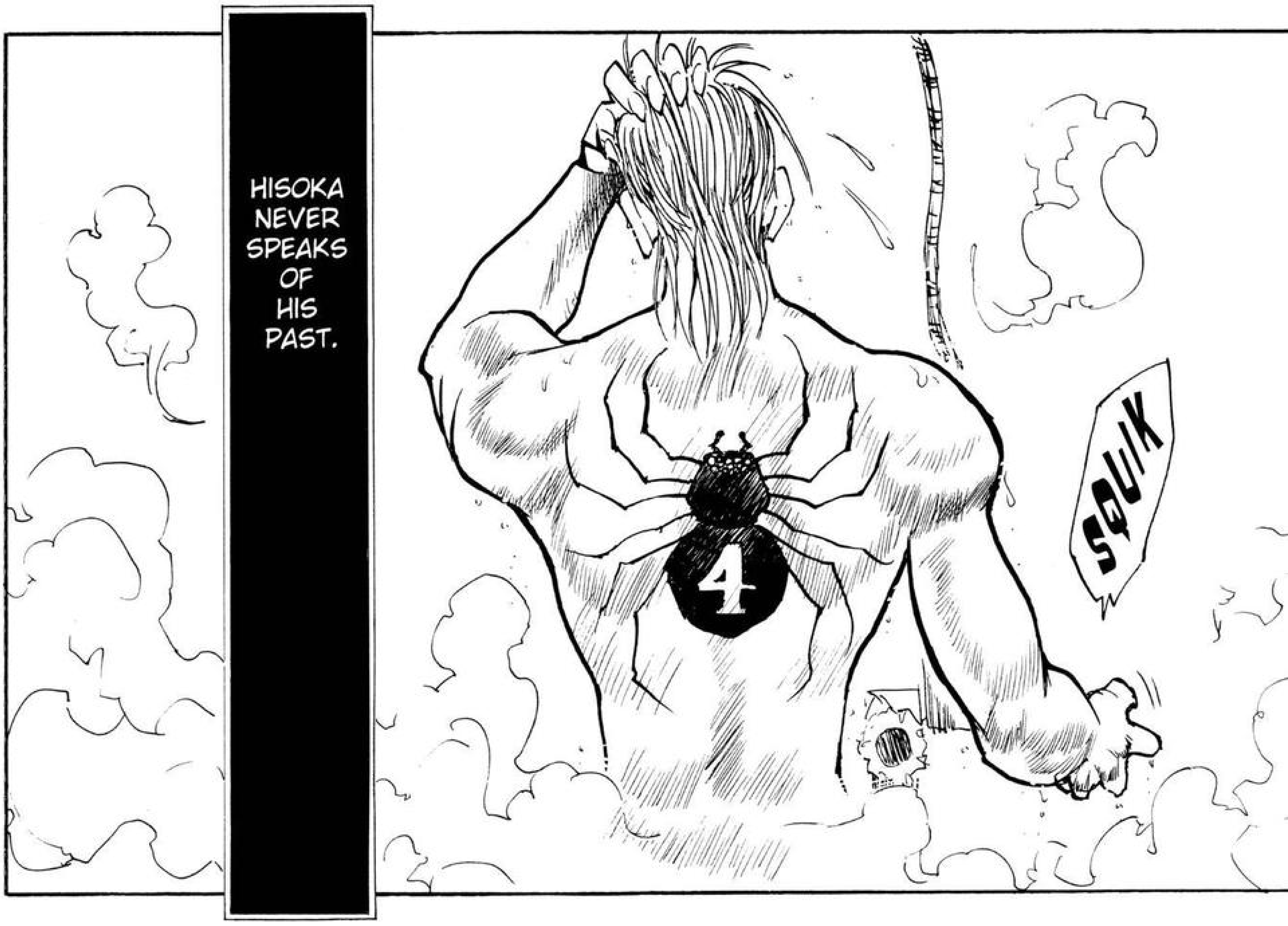
(SO STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE TEXTURE SURPRISE
WAS NOT CRITICAL TO HISOKA'S VICTORY.)


WITH THE DOPPELGANGER'S WEAKNESSES REVEALED (THOUGH HE STILL WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, HAD HE REMAINED CALM), KASTRO BECAME DESPERATE.
HISOKA DID NOT FAIL TO NOTICE THIS SUBTLE CHANGE IN KASTRO'S ATTITUDE.
YOUR ILITY MAKE UBLE PLENDID. ♠
BUT NOW I KNOW THAT TRICK. ♠
AND I KNOW HOW I SHOULD RESPOND. ♥
♣
HE CHOSE WORDS TO UNNERVE KASTRO...
...IT'S TOO BAD. ♠
YOU HAD SO MUCH TALENT...
THAT'S WHY I LEFT YOU ALIVE...
...ENSURING HIS VULNERABILITY!!
I PREDICT...
...THAT YOU'LL DANCE YOURSELF TO DEATH. ♠
AS A RESULT...
THOOM
...KASTRO WAS DEFEATED.
HISOKA REMAINS CONVINCED...


...THAT HIS ABILITIES ARE MOST SUITABLE FOR HIM!!
UNLIKE KASTRO'S, REVEALING THEIR SECRETS WON'T DETRACT FROM THEIR USEFULNESS!!
OKAY, I'M LEAVING.
ALREADY?
MY JOB HERE IS DONE.
THE NEN THREADS ARE ONLY SO STRONG...
...SO DON'T STRAIN YOUR ARMS UNTIL THEY'RE HEALED.
OH YEAH!!
I ALMOST FORGOT.
THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN CHANGED.


INSTEAD OF "ANYONE WITH NOTHING BETTER TO DO"...
...EVERYONE MUST NOW MEET UP IN YORKNEW CITY BY NOON ON AUGUST 30TH!!
...WILL CHROLO BE THERE, TOO?
I PRESUME SO.
TROMP TROMP
THIS COULD BE OUR BIGGEST MISSION YET.
IF YOU BLOW IT OFF AGAIN, HE MIGHT COME PUNISH YOU HIMSELF.
OOH, SCARY. ♥
SO, ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT? I AM. ♥
SLAM
HOW ABOUT DINNER...?
...

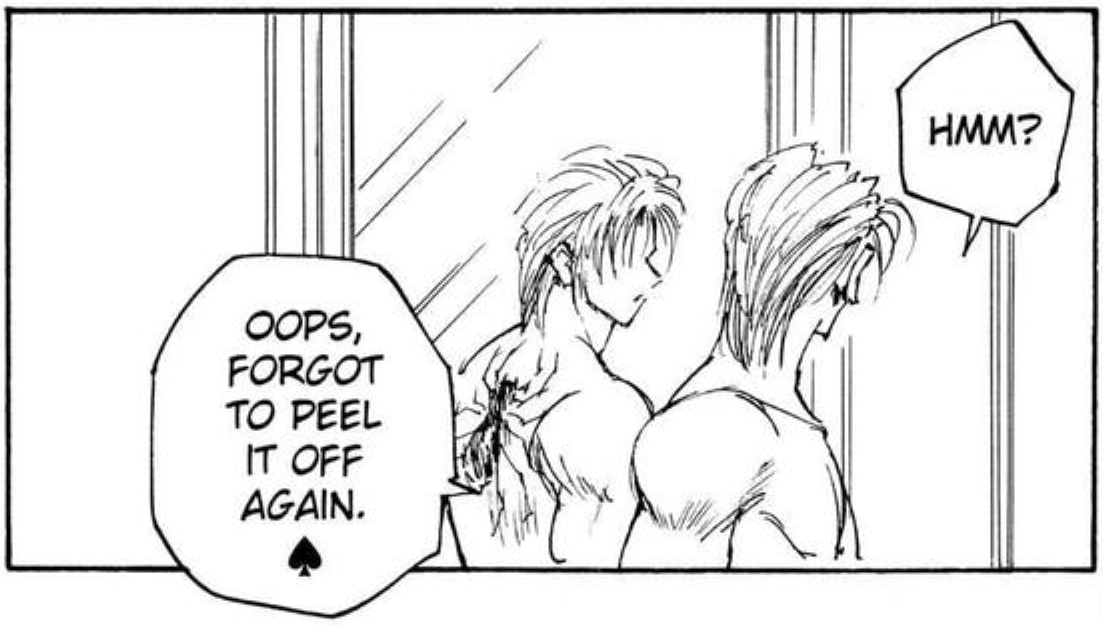

OH WELL. ♥
CHK
FWAP
FSHHH
FSHHH
Phew.

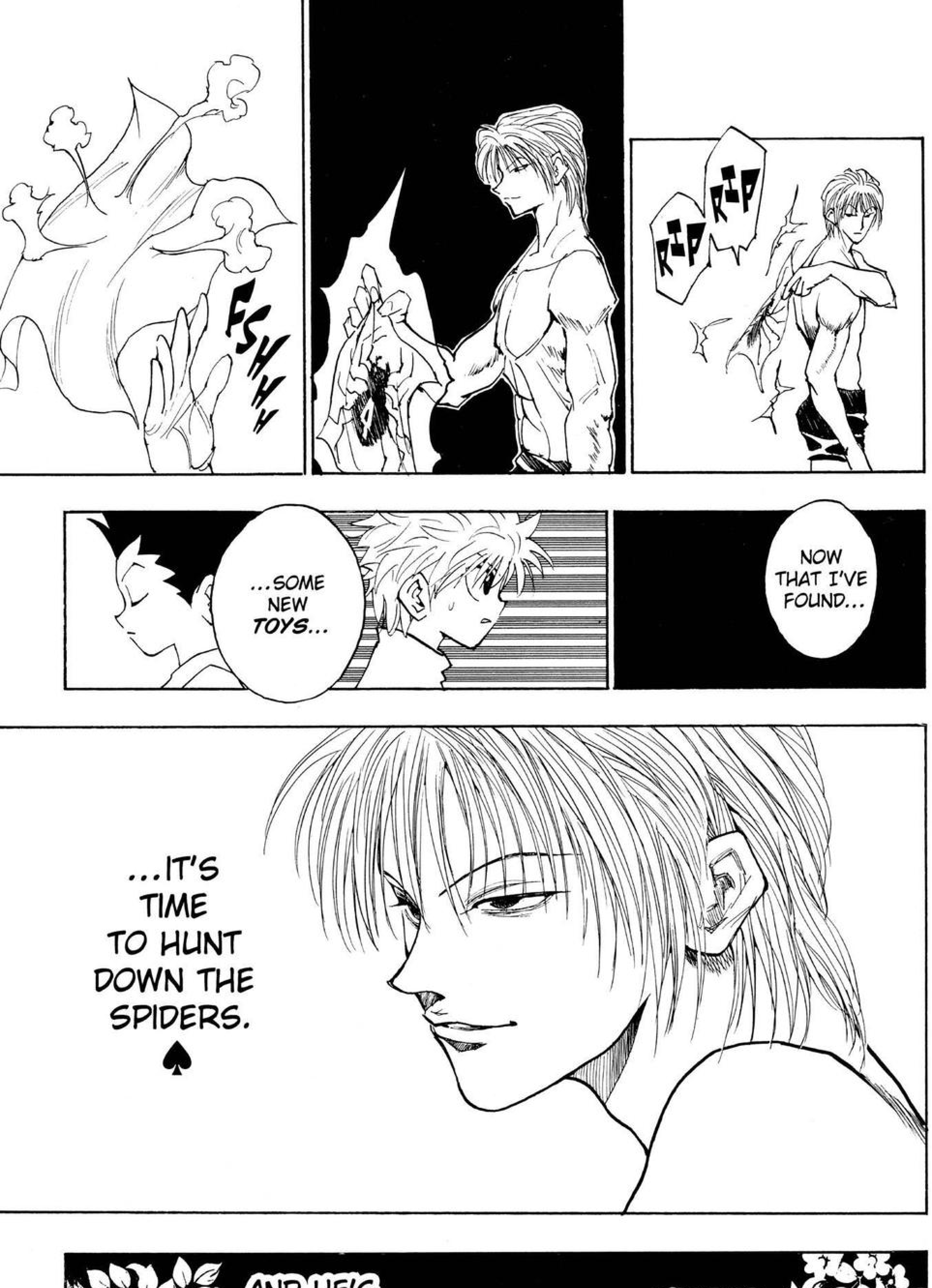

SQUIK
HISOKA NEVER SPEAKS OF HIS PAST.

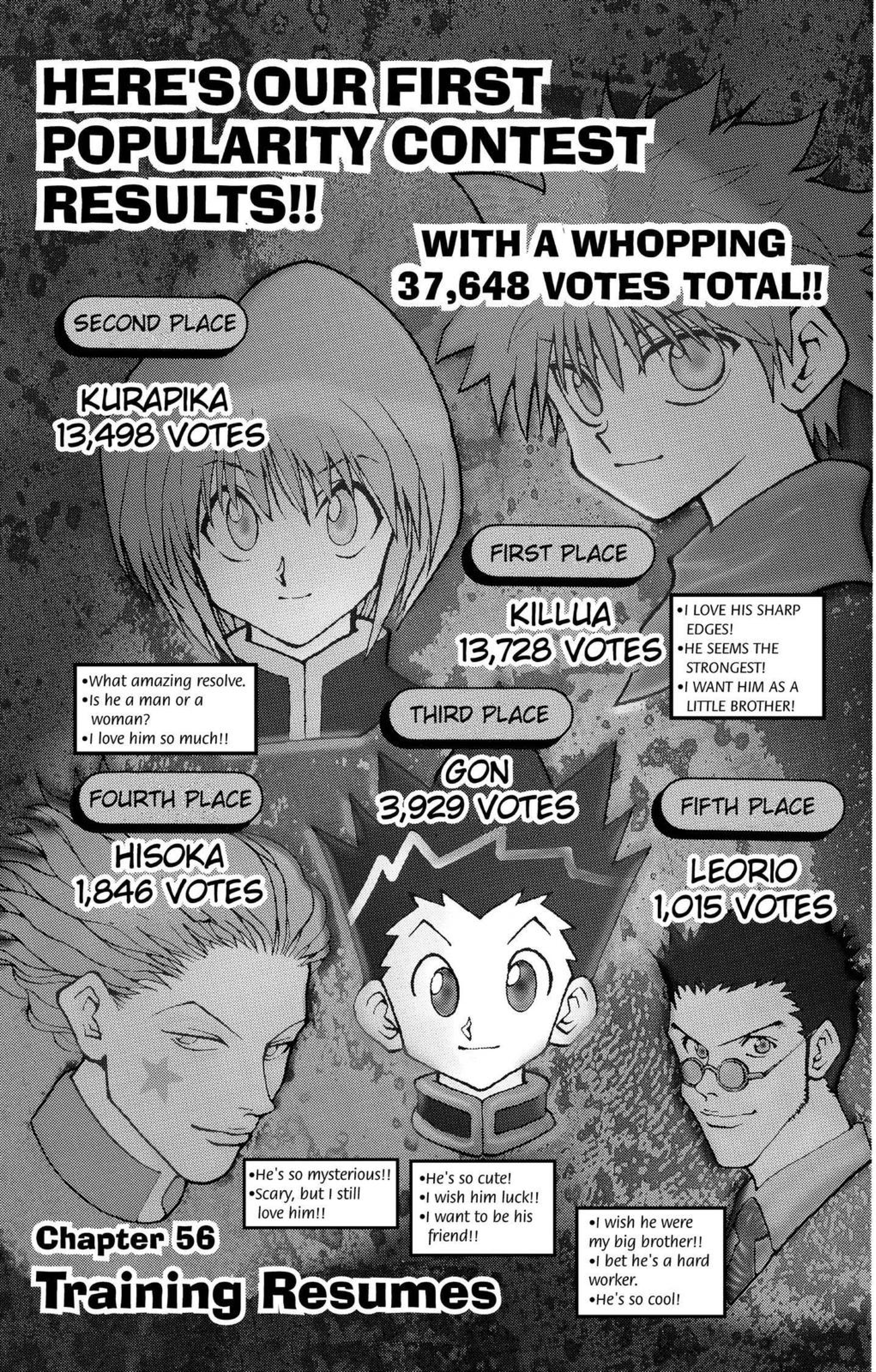
HE'S NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EVENTS LONG GONE.

HE'LL PROBABLY FORGET WHAT KASTRO LOOKED LIKE BY TOMORROW.

HISOKA DOES NOT BELONG TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE.


HMM?
OOPS, FORGOT TO PEEL IT OFF AGAIN. ♠


RIP RIP
FSHHH
NOW THAT I'VE FOUND...
...SOME NEW *TOYS*...
...IT'S TIME TO HUNT DOWN THE SPIDERS. ♠
HISOKA IS HIS OWN MAN.
AND HE'S CONFIDENT THAT HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL.



HERE'S OUR FIRST POPULARITY CONTEST RESULTS!!

WITH A WHOPPING 37,648 VOTES TOTAL!!

FIRST PLACE

KILLUA
13,728 VOTES

- I LOVE HIS SHARP EDGES!
- HE SEEMS THE STRONGEST!
- I WANT HIM AS A LITTLE BROTHER!

SECOND PLACE

KURAPIKA
13,498 VOTES

- What amazing resolve.
- Is he a man or a woman?
- I love him so much!!

THIRD PLACE

GON
3,929 VOTES

- He's so cute!
- I wish him luck!!
- I want to be his friend!!

FOURTH PLACE

HISOKA
1,846 VOTES

- He's so mysterious!!
- Scary, but I still love him!!

FIFTH PLACE

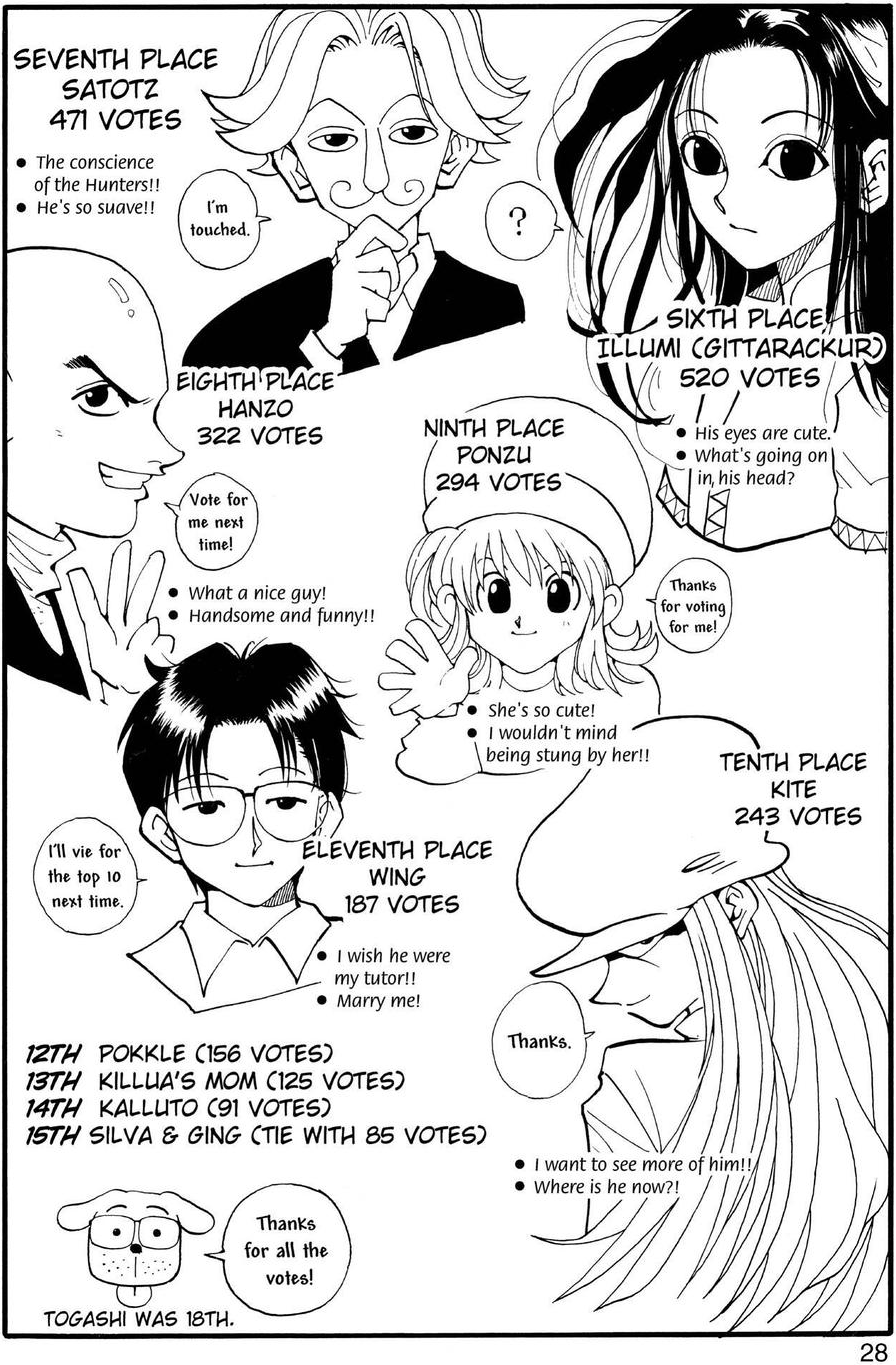
LEORIO
1,015 VOTES

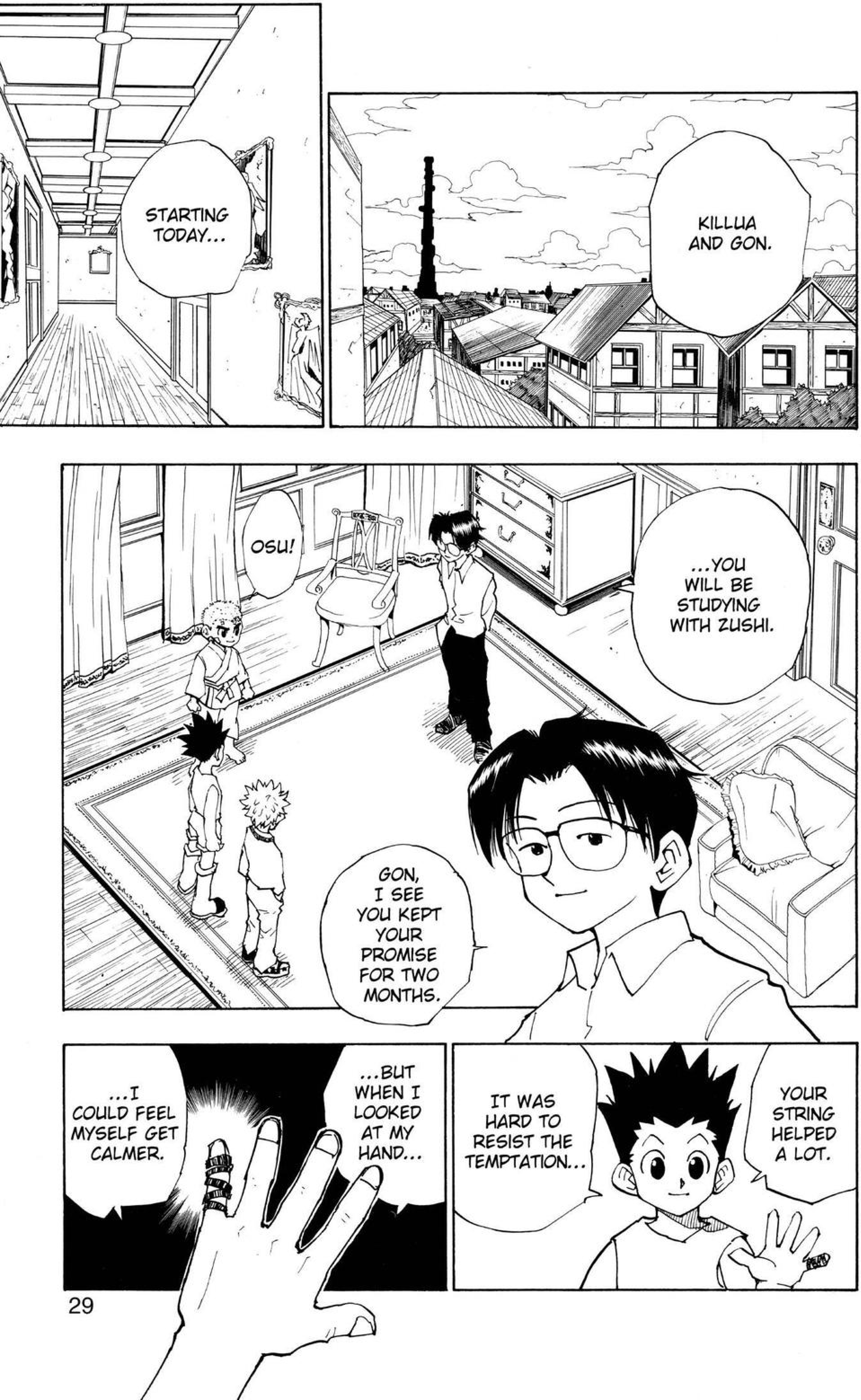
- I wish he were my big brother!!
- I bet he's a hard worker.
- He's so cool!

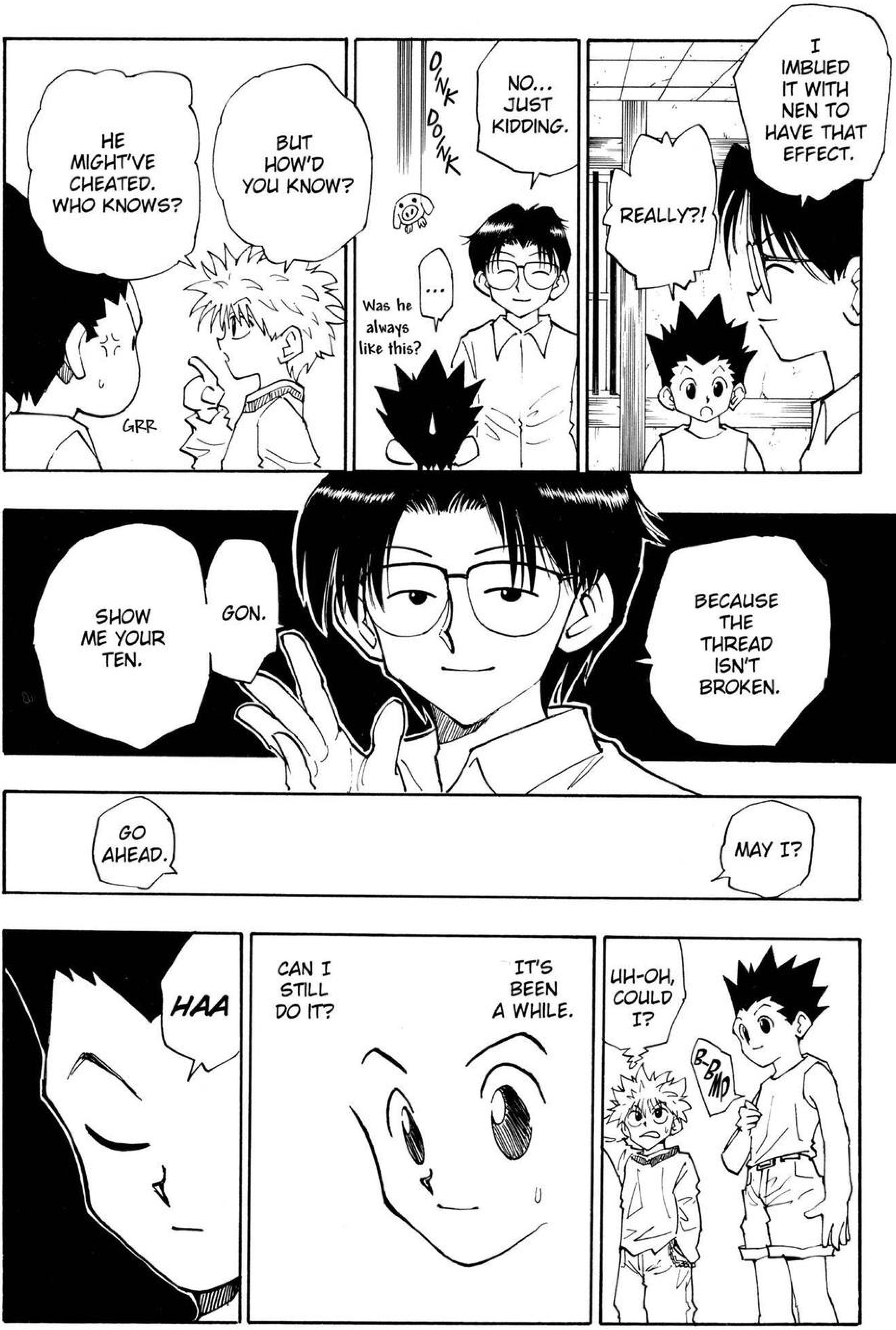
Chapter 56

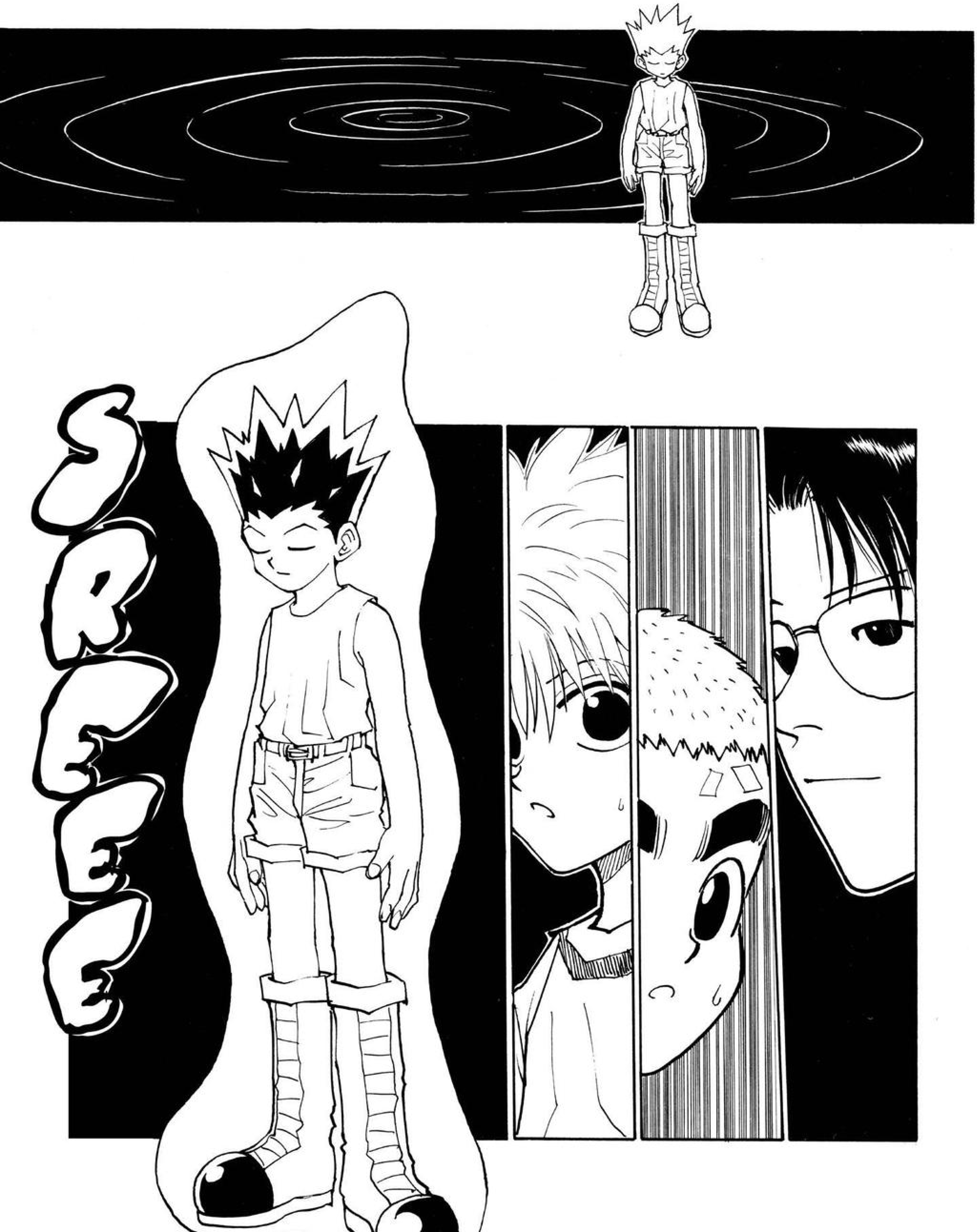
Training Resumes

HxH Popularity Contest Results!! Part 2!!


SEVENTH PLACE SATOTZ 471 VOTES
● The conscience of the Hunters!!
● He's so suave!!
I'm touched.
?
SIXTH PLACE ILLUMI (GITTARACKUR) 520 VOTES
● His eyes are cute.
● What's going on in his head?
EIGHTH PLACE HANZO 322 VOTES
Vote for me next time!
● What a nice guy!
● Handsome and funny!!
NINTH PLACE PONZU 294 VOTES
Thanks for voting for me!
● She's so cute!
● I wouldn't mind being stung by her!!
TENTH PLACE KITE 243 VOTES
Thanks.
● I want to see more of him!!
● Where is he now?!
ELEVENTH PLACE WING 187 VOTES
I'll vie for the top 10 next time.
● I wish he were my tutor!!
● Marry me!
12TH POKKLE (156 VOTES)
13TH KILLUA'S MOM (125 VOTES)
14TH KALLUTO (91 VOTES)
15TH SILVA & GING (TIE WITH 85 VOTES)
Thanks for all the votes!
TOGASHI WAS 18TH.


KILLUA AND GON.
STARTING TODAY...
...YOU WILL BE STUDYING WITH ZUSHI.
OSU!
GON, I SEE YOU KEPT YOUR PROMISE FOR TWO MONTHS.
YOUR STRING HELPED A LOT.
IT WAS HARD TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION...
...BUT WHEN I LOOKED AT MY HAND...
...I COULD FEEL MYSELF GET CALMER.


I IMBUED IT WITH NEN TO HAVE THAT EFFECT.
REALLY?!
NO… JUST KIDDING.
OINK DOINK
…
Was he always like this?
BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW?
HE MIGHT'VE CHEATED. WHO KNOWS?
GRR
BECAUSE THE THREAD ISN'T BROKEN.
GON.
SHOW ME YOUR TEN.
MAY I?
GO AHEAD.
UH-OH, COULD I?
B-BMP
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
CAN I STILL DO IT?
HAA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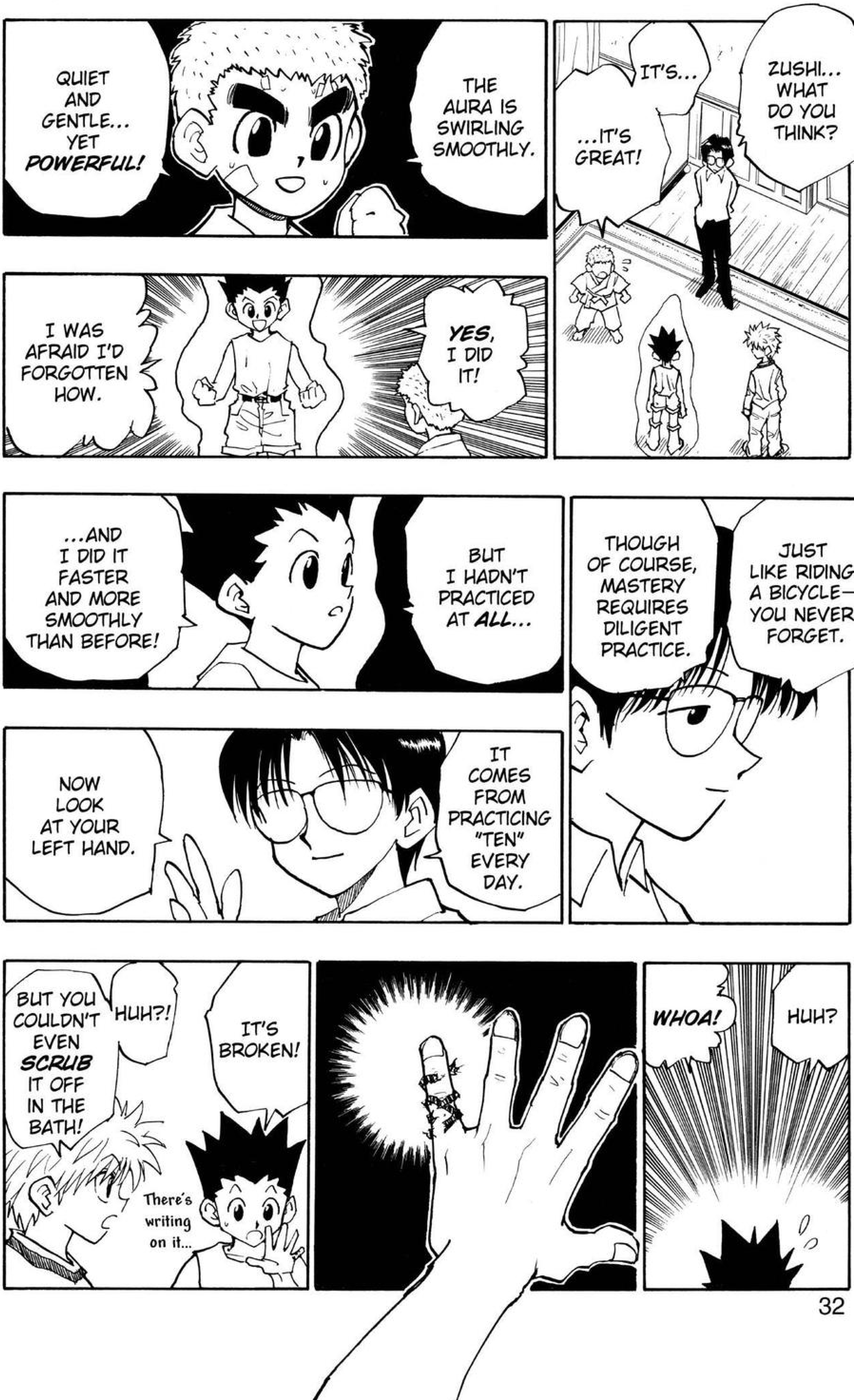
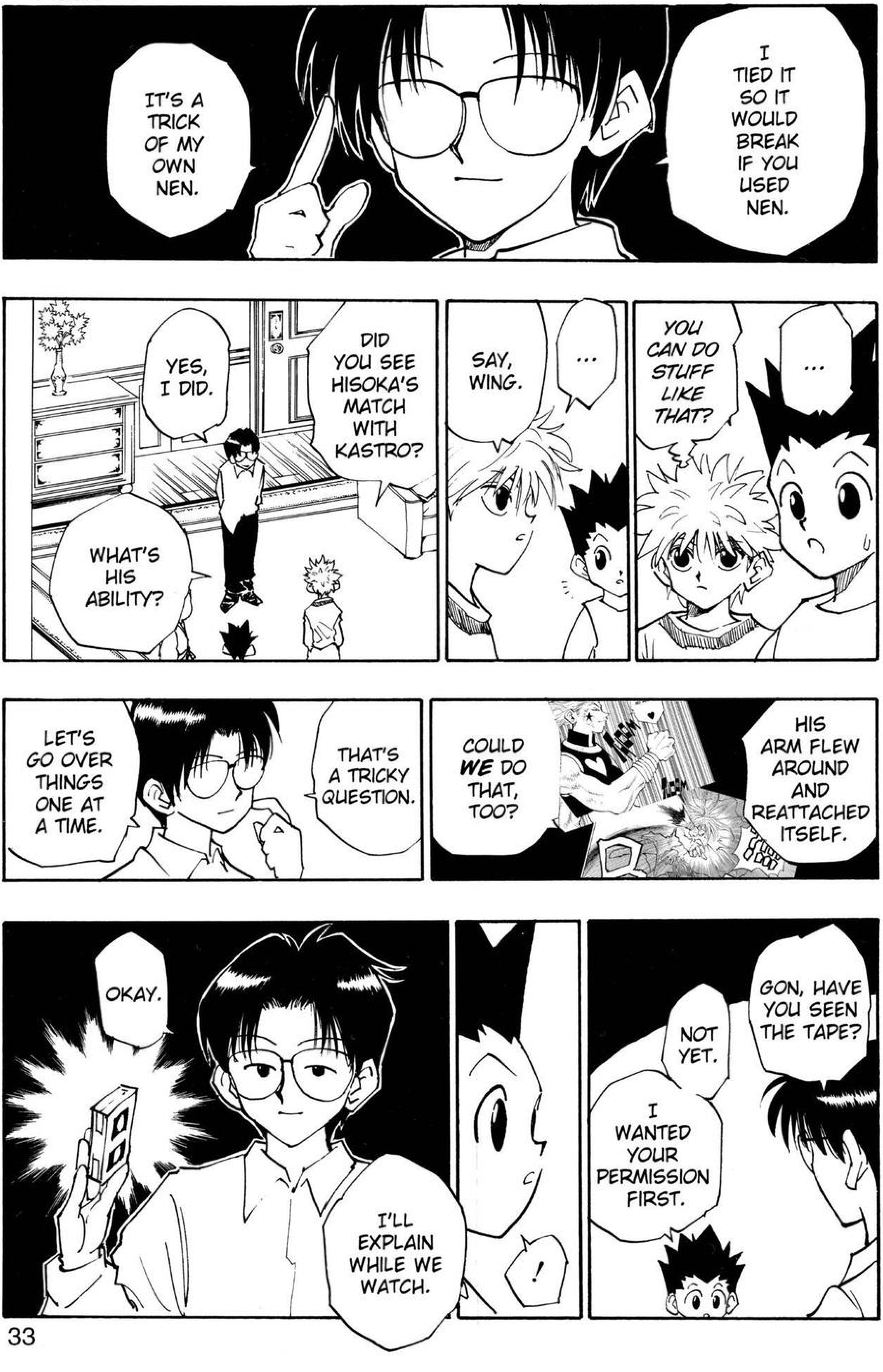
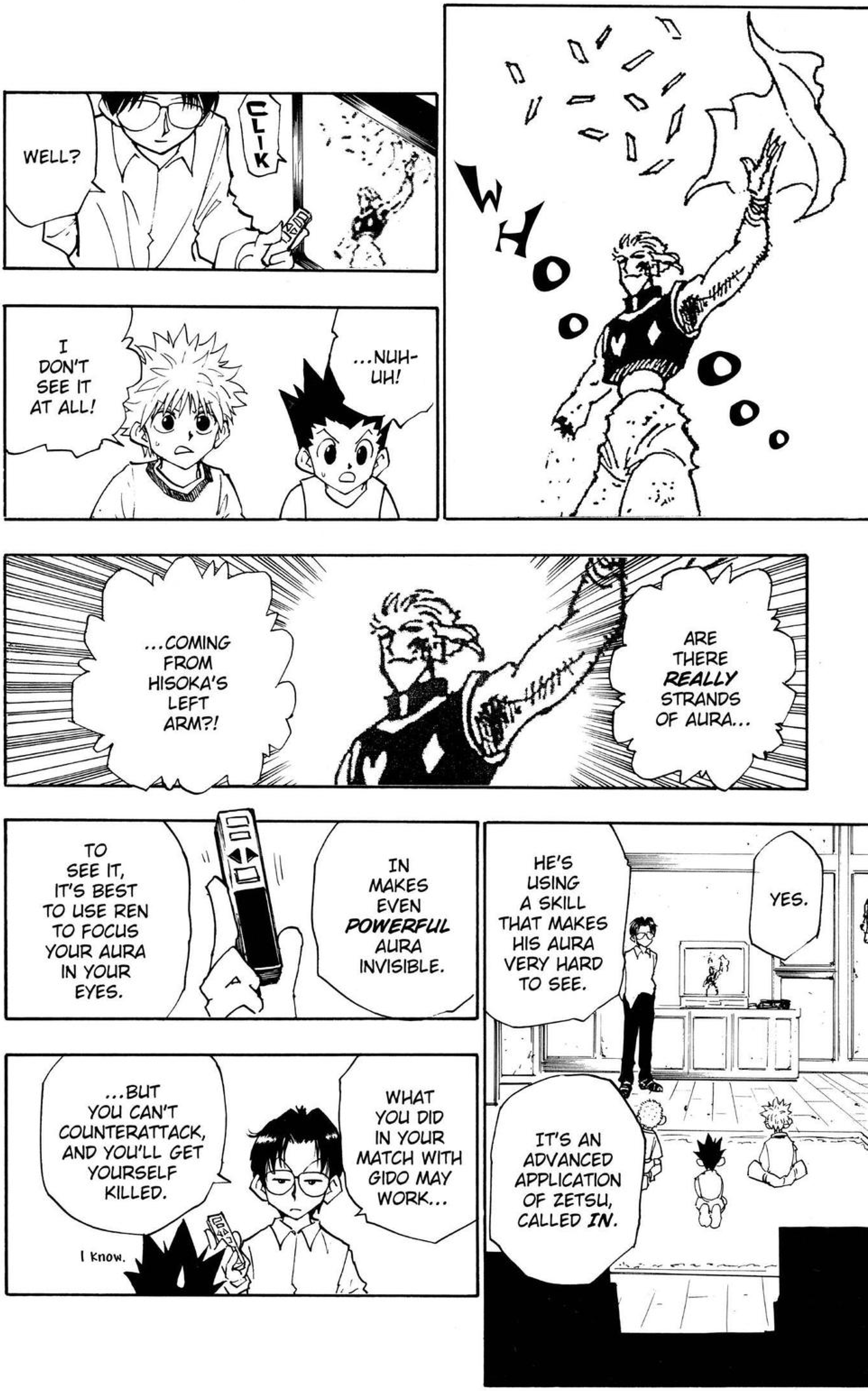
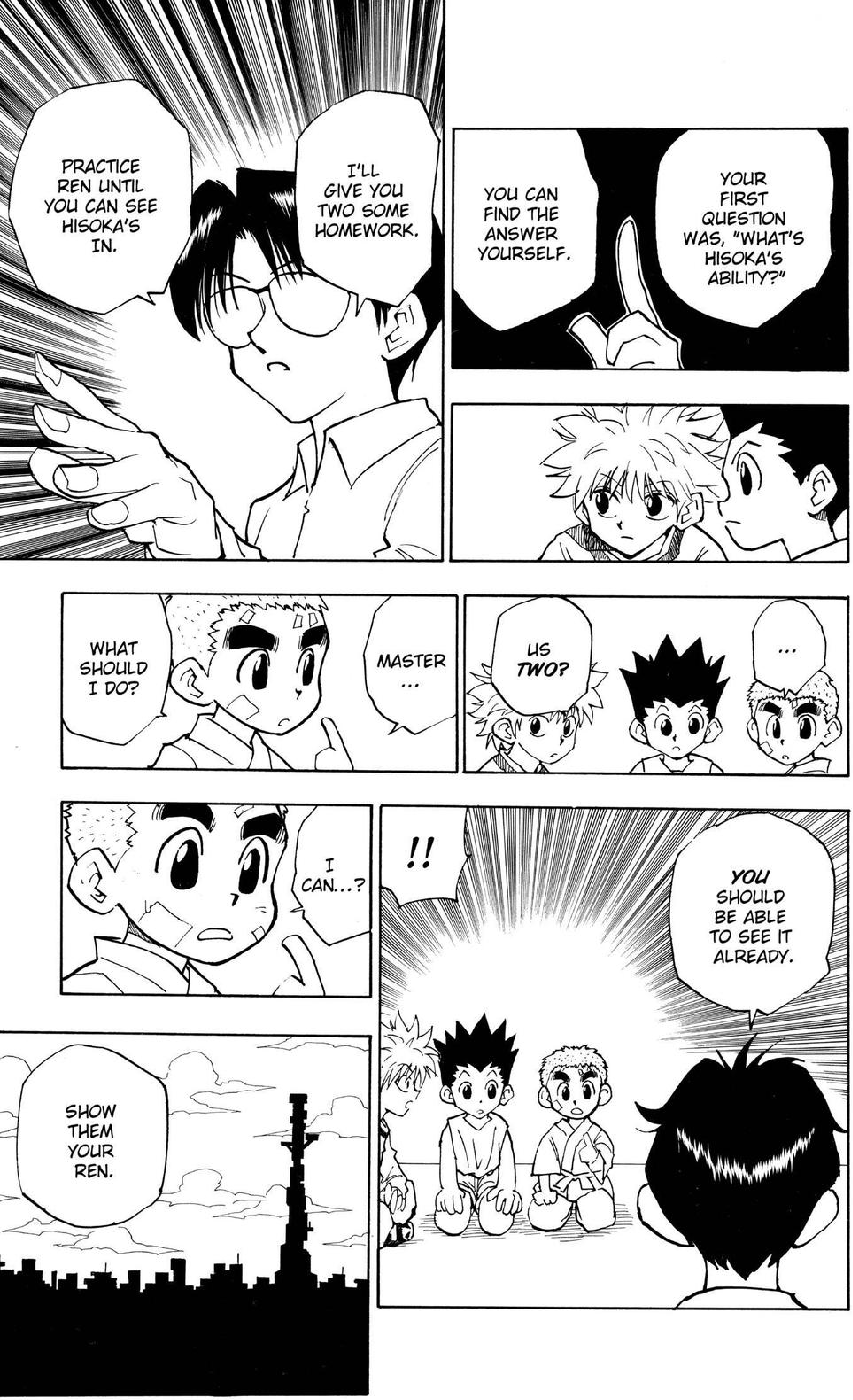
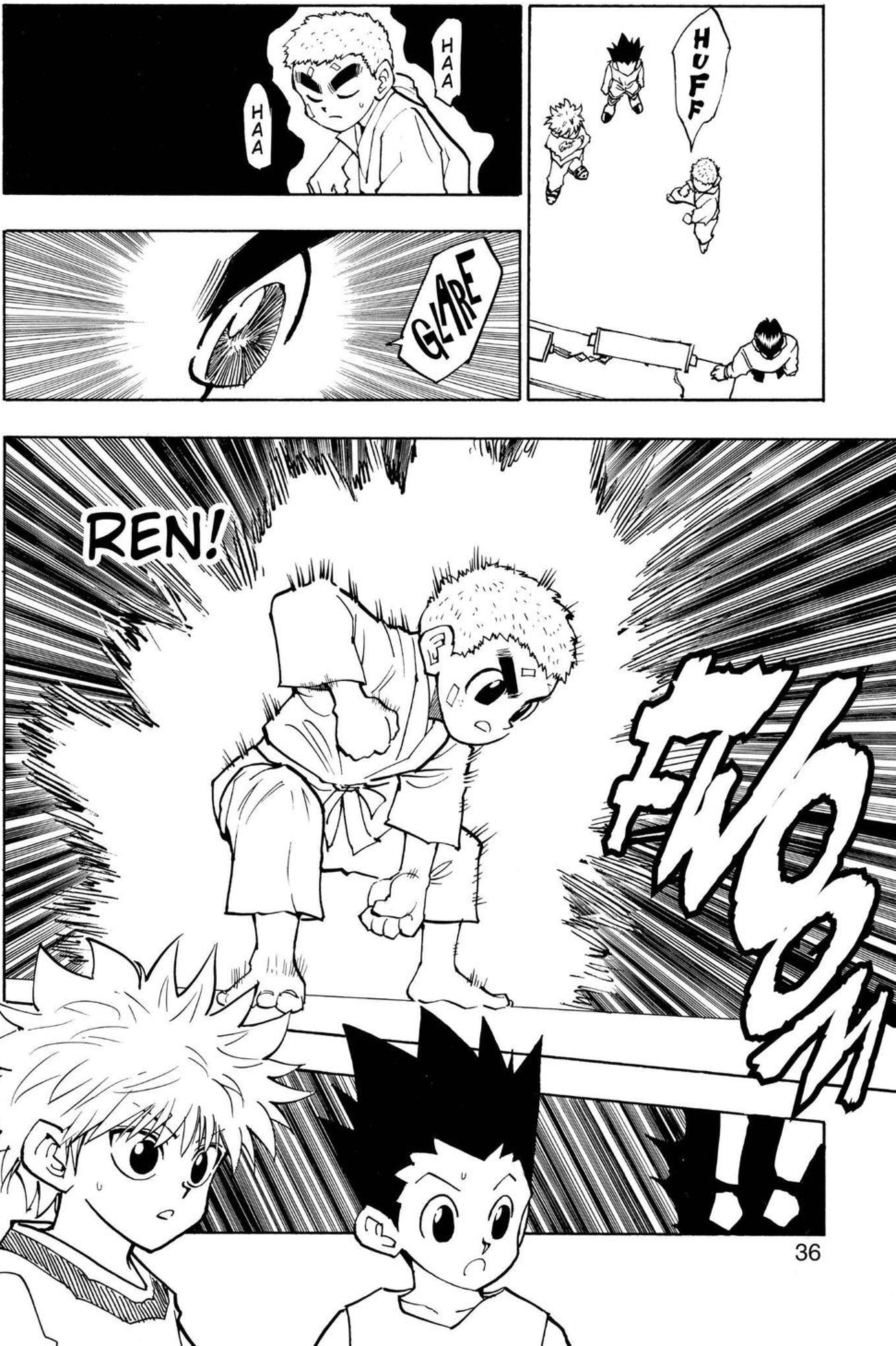

ZUSHI... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S...
...IT'S GREAT!
THE AURA IS SWIRLING SMOOTHLY.
QUIET AND GENTLE... YET **POWERFUL!**
YES, I DID IT!
I WAS AFRAID I'D FORGOTTEN HOW.
JUST LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE— YOU NEVER FORGET.
THOUGH OF COURSE, MASTERY REQUIRES DILIGENT PRACTICE.
BUT I HADN'T PRACTICED AT ***ALL...***
...AND I DID IT FASTER AND MORE SMOOTHLY THAN BEFORE!
IT COMES FROM PRACTICING "TEN" EVERY DAY.
NOW LOOK AT YOUR LEFT HAND.
HUH?
WHOA!
IT'S BROKEN!
HUH?!
BUT YOU COULDN'T EVEN ***SCRUB*** IT OFF IN THE BATH!
There's writing on it...

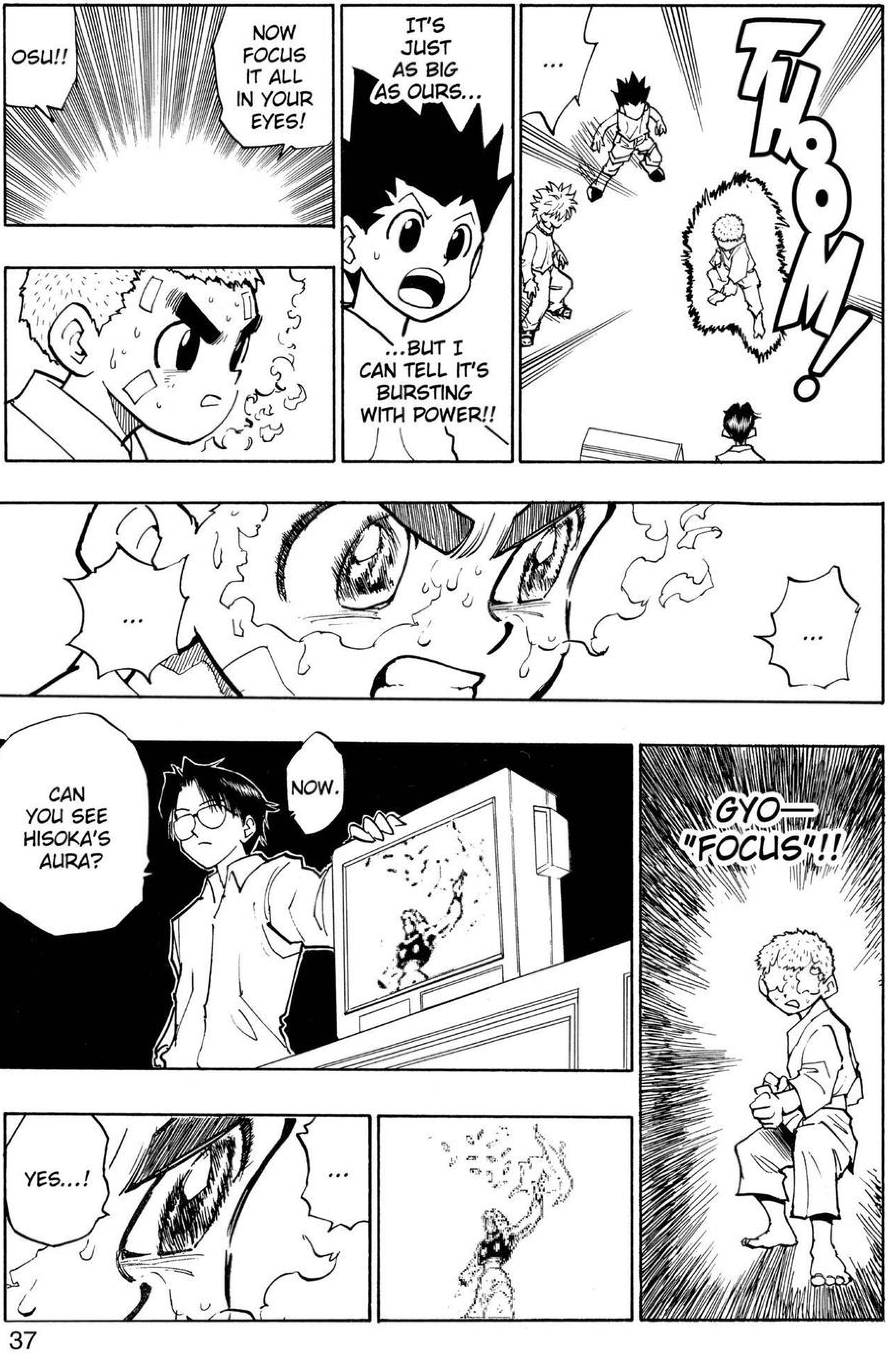
READ THIS WAY

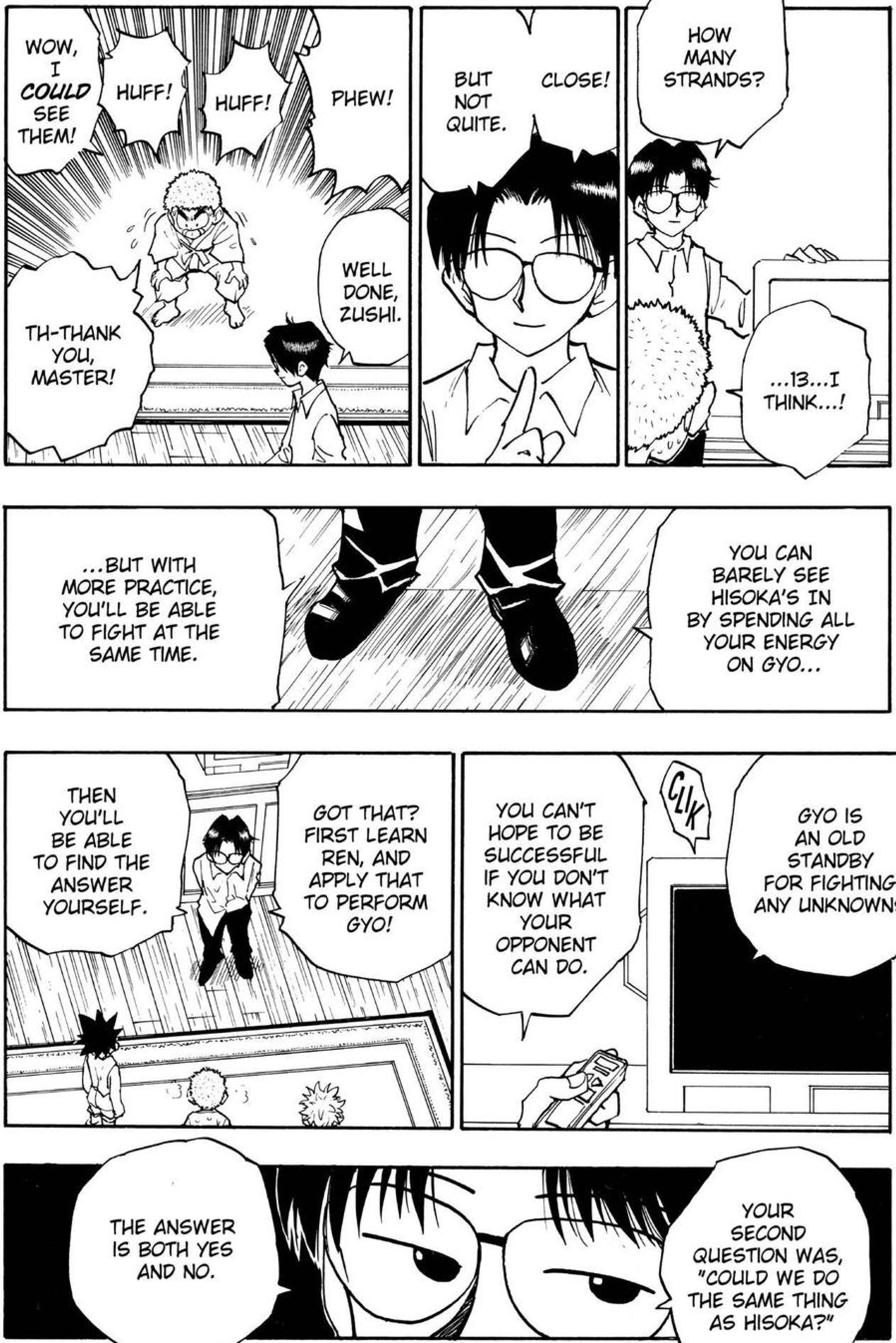

I TIED IT SO IT WOULD BREAK IF YOU USED NEN.
IT'S A TRICK OF MY OWN NEN.
...
YOU CAN DO STUFF LIKE THAT?
...
SAY, WING.
DID YOU SEE HISOKA'S MATCH WITH KASTRO?
YES, I DID.
WHAT'S HIS ABILITY?
HIS ARM FLEW AROUND AND REATTACHED ITSELF.
COULD *WE* DO THAT, TOO?
THAT'S A TRICKY QUESTION.
LET'S GO OVER THINGS ONE AT A TIME.
GON, HAVE YOU SEEN THE TAPE?
NOT YET.
I WANTED YOUR PERMISSION FIRST.
!
OKAY.
I'LL EXPLAIN WHILE WE WATCH.

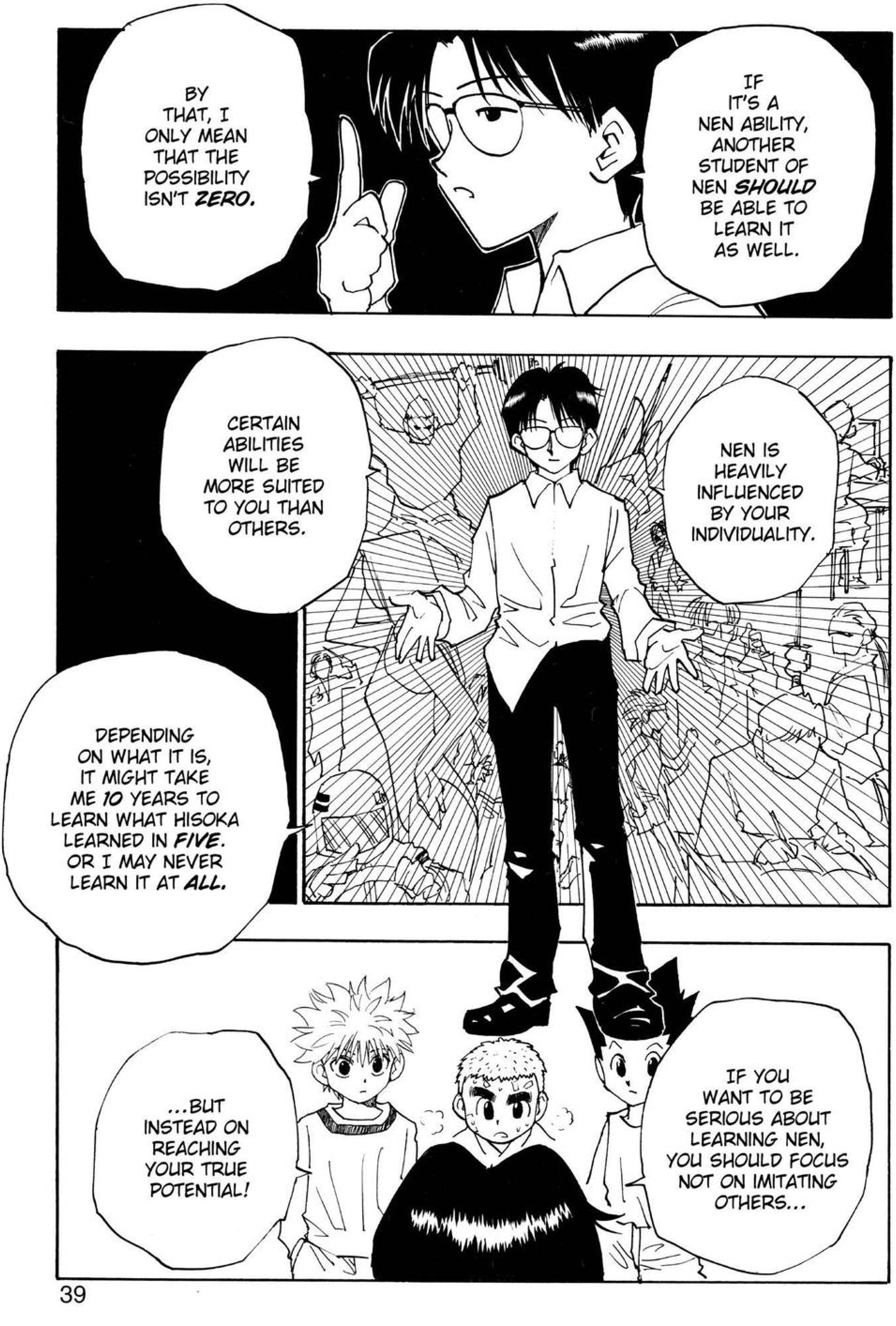

WHOOOOooo
WELL?
CLIK
...NUH-UH!
I DON'T SEE IT AT ALL!
ARE THERE *REALLY* STRANDS OF AURA...
...COMING FROM HISOKA'S LEFT ARM?!
YES.
HE'S USING A SKILL THAT MAKES HIS AURA VERY HARD TO SEE.
IT'S AN ADVANCED APPLICATION OF ZETSU, CALLED *IN*.
IN MAKES EVEN *POWERFUL* AURA INVISIBLE.
TO SEE IT, IT'S BEST TO USE REN TO FOCUS YOUR AURA IN YOUR EYES.
WHAT YOU DID IN YOUR MATCH WITH GIDO MAY WORK...
...BUT YOU CAN'T COUNTERATTACK, AND YOU'LL GET YOURSELF KILLED.
I know.

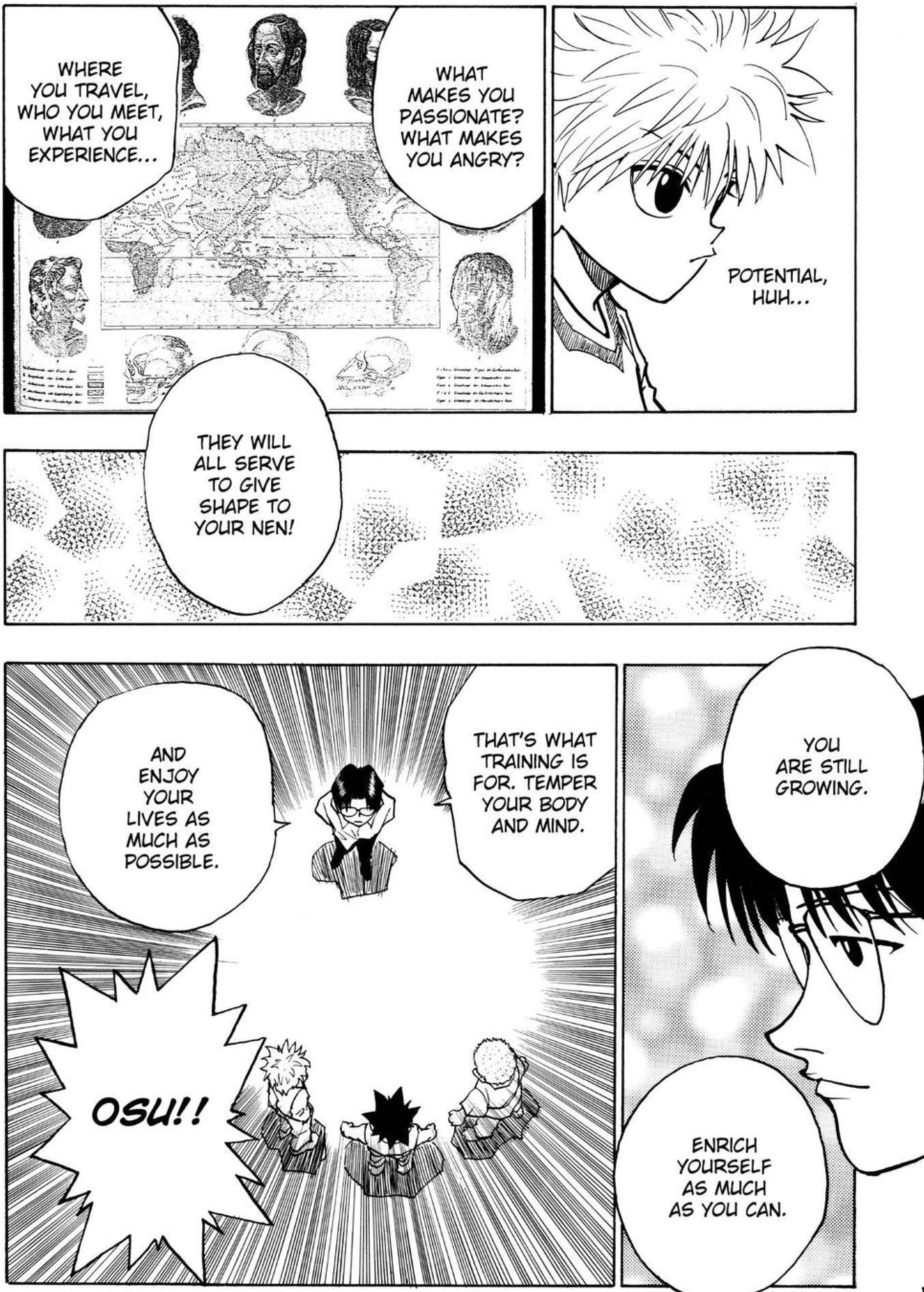

YOUR FIRST QUESTION WAS, "WHAT'S HISOKA'S ABILITY?"
YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWER YOURSELF.
I'LL GIVE YOU TWO SOME HOMEWORK.
PRACTICE REN UNTIL YOU CAN SEE HISOKA'S IN.
...
US TWO?
MASTER ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE IT ALREADY.
!!
I CAN...?
SHOW THEM YOUR REN.

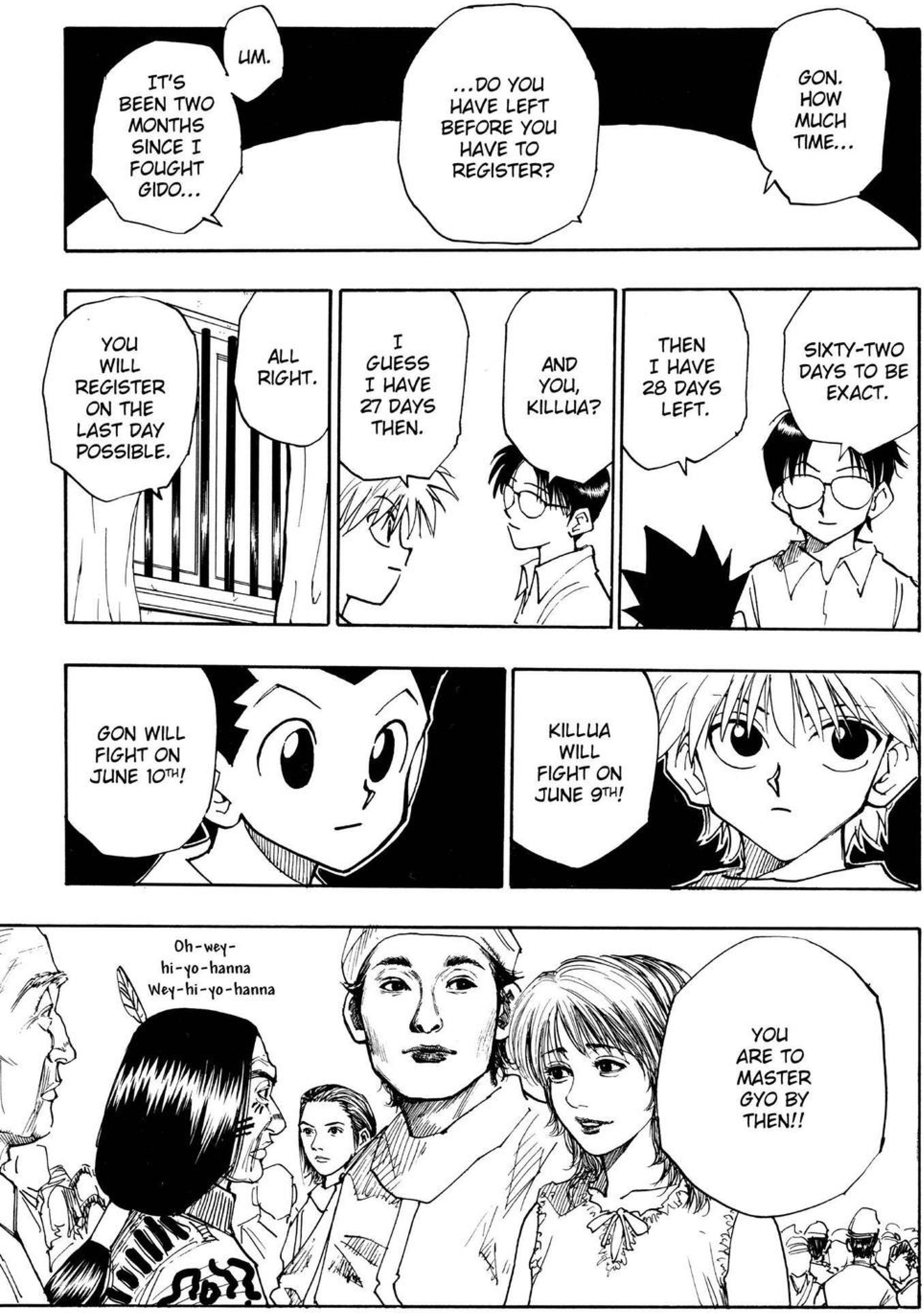

HUFF
HAA
HAA
GLARE
REN!
FWOOM!!

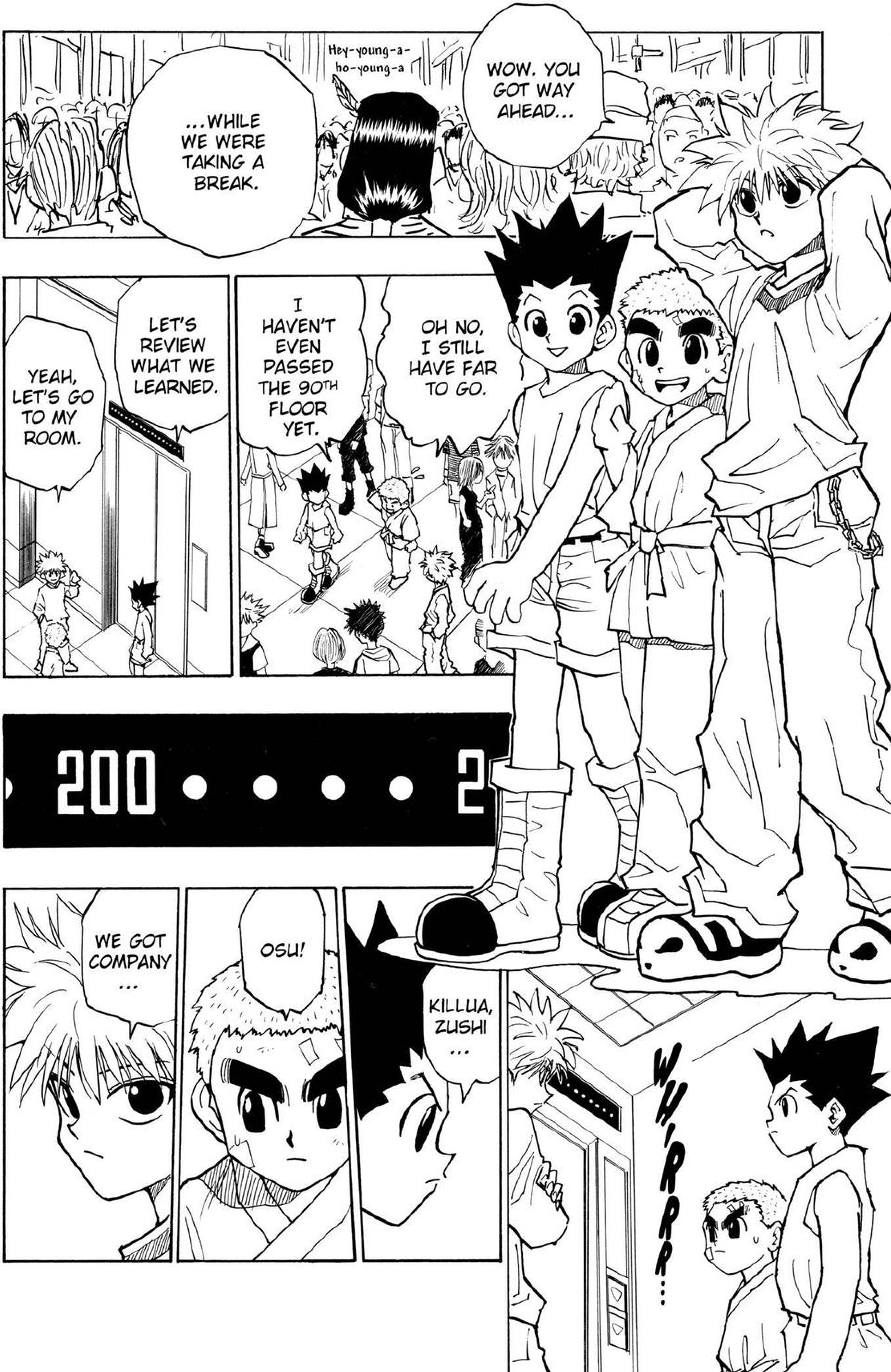

THOOM!
...
IT'S JUST AS BIG AS OURS...
...BUT I CAN TELL IT'S BURSTING WITH POWER!!
NOW FOCUS IT ALL IN YOUR EYES!
OSU!!
...
...
GYO— "FOCUS"!!
NOW.
CAN YOU SEE HISOKA'S AURA?
...
YES...!


HOW MANY STRANDS?
...13...I THINK...!
CLOSE!
BUT NOT QUITE.
PHEW!
HUFF!
HUFF!
WOW, I **COULD** SEE THEM!
WELL DONE, ZUSHI.
TH-THANK YOU, MASTER!
YOU CAN BARELY SEE HISOKA'S IN BY SPENDING ALL YOUR ENERGY ON GYO...
...BUT WITH MORE PRACTICE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT AT THE SAME TIME.
GYO IS AN OLD STANDBY FOR FIGHTING ANY UNKNOWNS.
CLIK
YOU CAN'T HOPE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR OPPONENT CAN DO.
GOT THAT? FIRST LEARN REN, AND APPLY THAT TO PERFORM GYO!
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE ANSWER YOURSELF.
YOUR SECOND QUESTION WAS, "COULD WE DO THE SAME THING AS HISOKA?"
THE ANSWER IS BOTH YES AND NO.

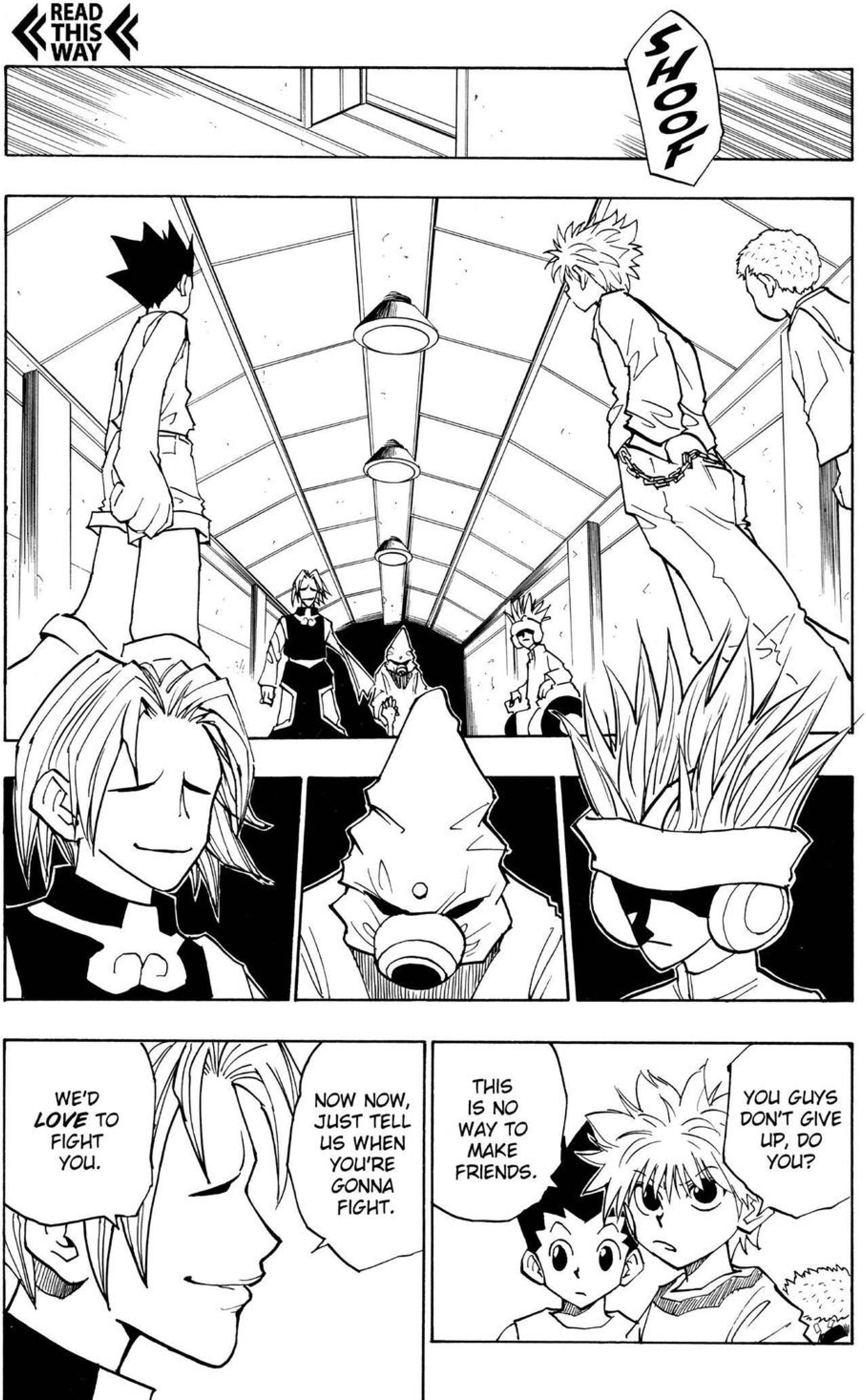

IF IT'S A NEN ABILITY, ANOTHER STUDENT OF NEN *SHOULD* BE ABLE TO LEARN IT AS WELL.
BY THAT, I ONLY MEAN THAT THE POSSIBILITY ISN'T *ZERO.*
NEN IS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY YOUR INDIVIDUALITY.
CERTAIN ABILITIES WILL BE MORE SUITED TO YOU THAN OTHERS.
DEPENDING ON WHAT IT IS, IT MIGHT TAKE ME *10* YEARS TO LEARN WHAT HISOKA LEARNED IN *FIVE*. OR I MAY NEVER LEARN IT AT *ALL.*
IF YOU WANT TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING NEN, YOU SHOULD FOCUS NOT ON IMITATING OTHERS...
...BUT INSTEAD ON REACHING YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL!

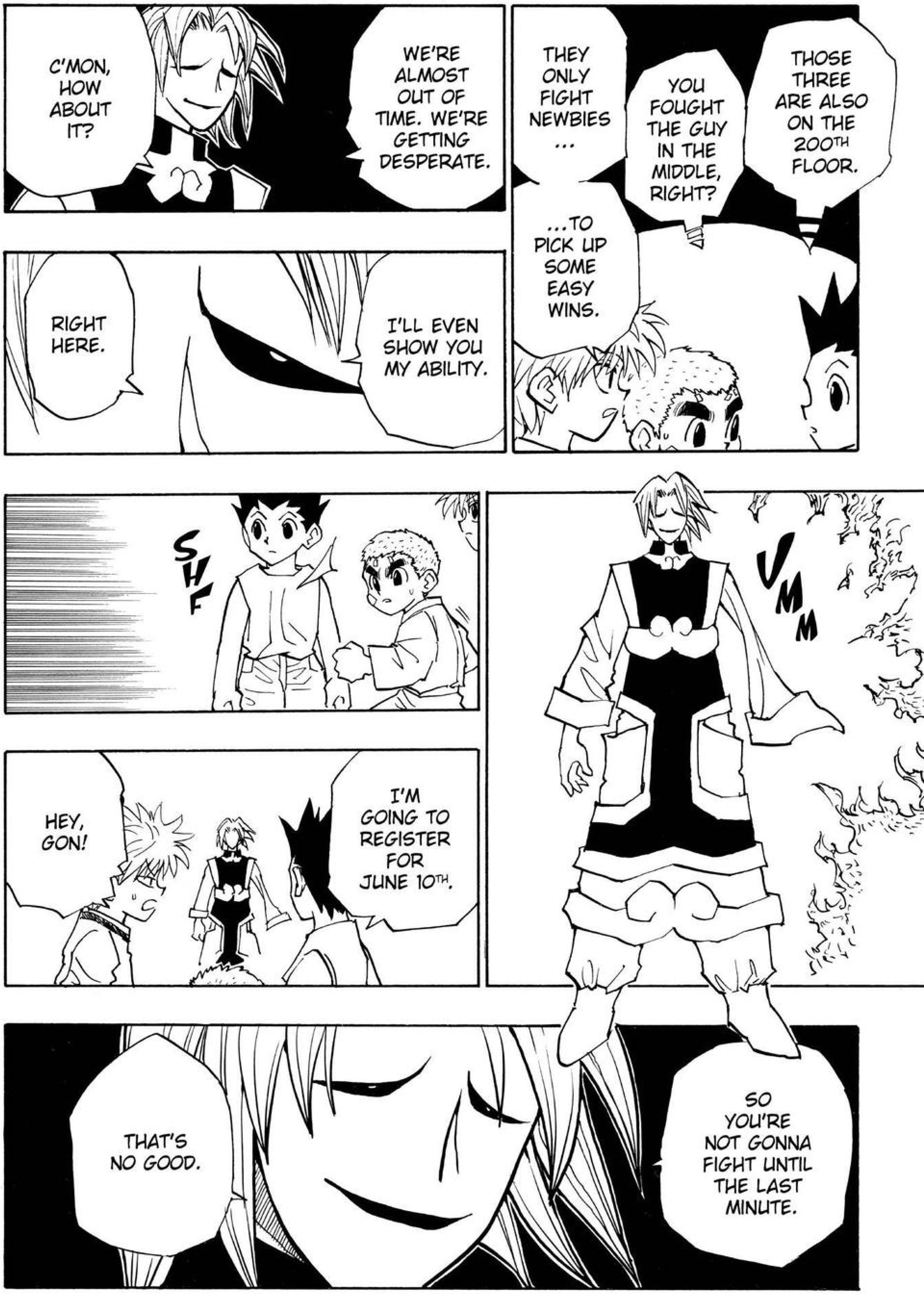

POTENTIAL, HUH...
WHAT MAKES YOU PASSIONATE? WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY?
WHERE YOU TRAVEL, WHO YOU MEET, WHAT YOU EXPERIENCE...
THEY WILL ALL SERVE TO GIVE SHAPE TO YOUR NEN!
YOU ARE STILL GROWING.
ENRICH YOURSELF AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
THAT'S WHAT TRAINING IS FOR. TEMPER YOUR BODY AND MIND.
AND ENJOY YOUR LIVES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
OSU!!

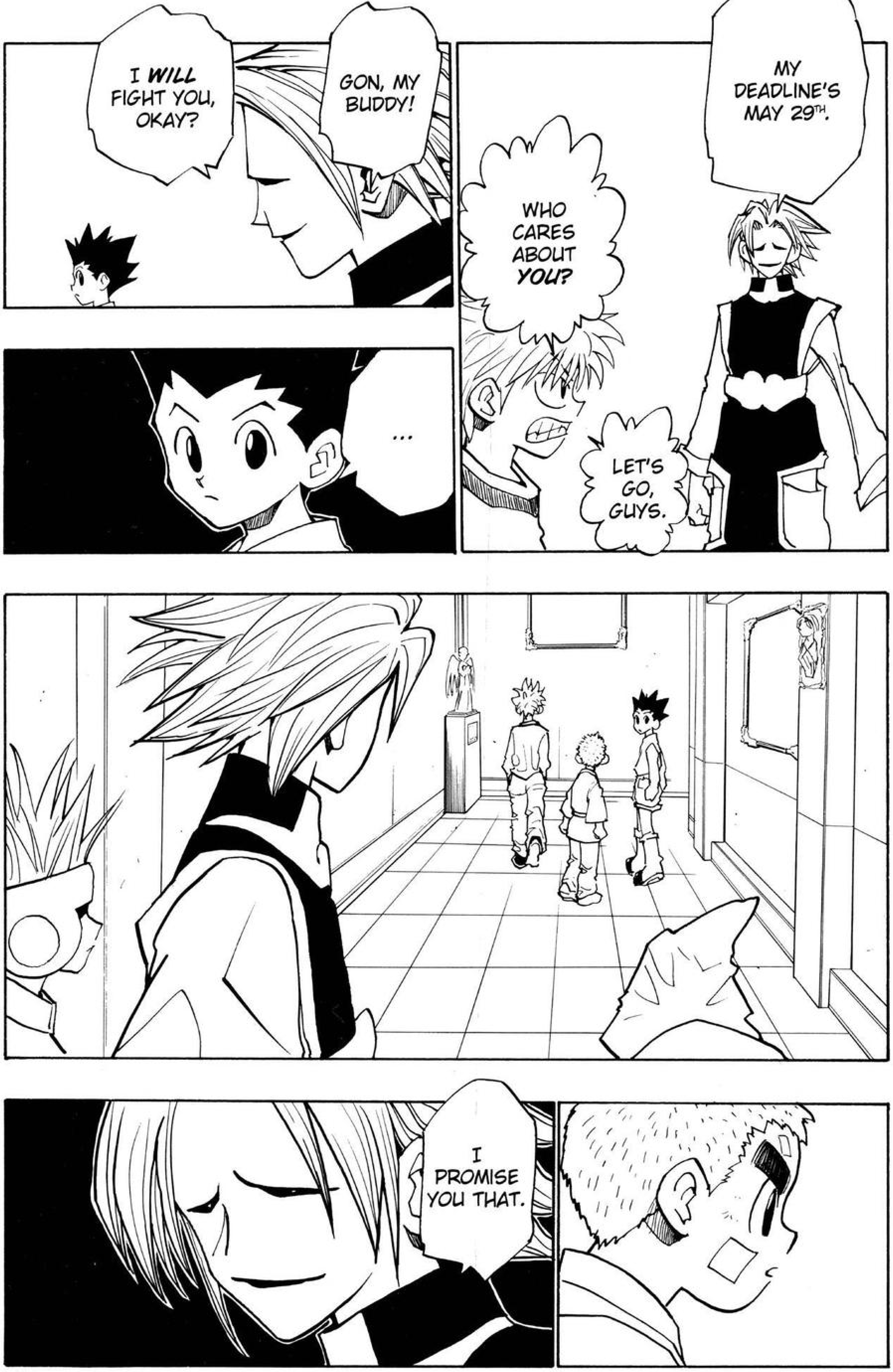

GON. HOW MUCH TIME...
...DO YOU HAVE LEFT BEFORE YOU HAVE TO REGISTER?
UM.
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE I FOUGHT GIDO...
SIXTY-TWO DAYS TO BE EXACT.
THEN I HAVE 28 DAYS LEFT.
AND YOU, KILLUA?
I GUESS I HAVE 27 DAYS THEN.
ALL RIGHT.
YOU WILL REGISTER ON THE LAST DAY POSSIBLE.
KILLUA WILL FIGHT ON JUNE 9TH!
GON WILL FIGHT ON JUNE 10TH!
YOU ARE TO MASTER GYO BY THEN!!
Oh-wey-hi-yo-hanna Wey-hi-yo-hanna


WOW. YOU GOT WAY AHEAD...
Hey-young-a-ho-young-a
...WHILE WE WERE TAKING A BREAK.
OH NO, I STILL HAVE FAR TO GO.
I HAVEN'T EVEN PASSED THE 90TH FLOOR YET.
LET'S REVIEW WHAT WE LEARNED.
YEAH, LET'S GO TO MY ROOM.
200 • • • • 2
WHIRRR...
KILLUA, ZUSHI ...
OSU!
WE GOT COMPANY ...

READ THIS WAY


SHOOF
YOU GUYS DON'T GIVE UP, DO YOU?
THIS IS NO WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS.
NOW NOW, JUST TELL US WHEN YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT.
WE'D *LOVE* TO FIGHT YOU.


THOSE THREE ARE ALSO ON THE 200TH FLOOR.
YOU FOUGHT THE GUY IN THE MIDDLE, RIGHT?
THEY ONLY FIGHT NEWBIES...
...TO PICK UP SOME EASY WINS.
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME. WE'RE GETTING DESPERATE.
C'MON, HOW ABOUT IT?
I'LL EVEN SHOW YOU MY ABILITY.
RIGHT HERE.
VMM
SHF
I'M GOING TO REGISTER FOR JUNE 10TH.
HEY, GON!
SO YOU'RE NOT GONNA FIGHT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.
THAT'S NO GOOD.


MY DEADLINE'S MAY 29TH.
WHO CARES ABOUT *YOU?*
LET'S GO, GUYS.
GON, MY BUDDY!
I **WILL** FIGHT YOU, OKAY?
...
I PROMISE YOU THAT.

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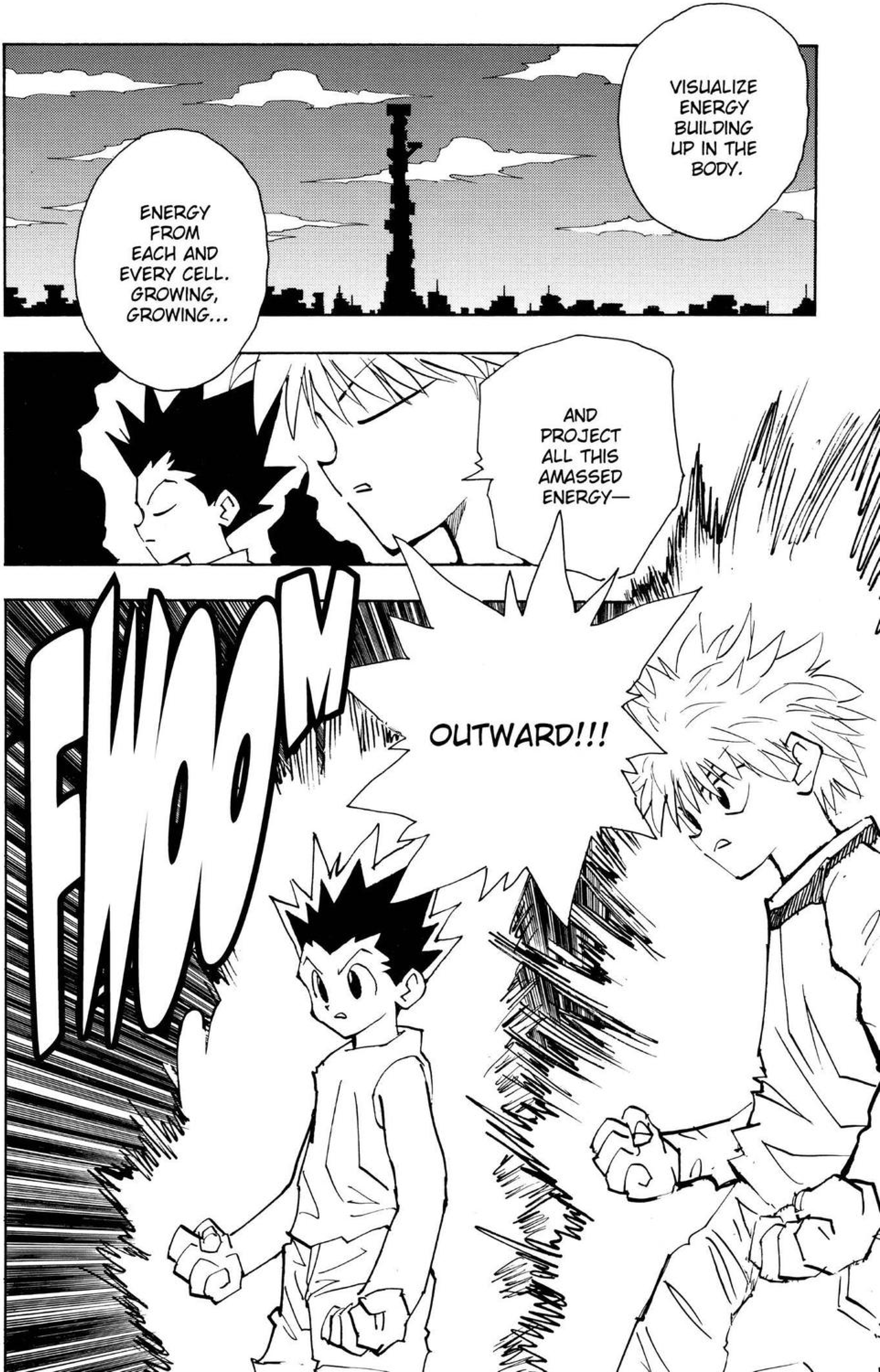
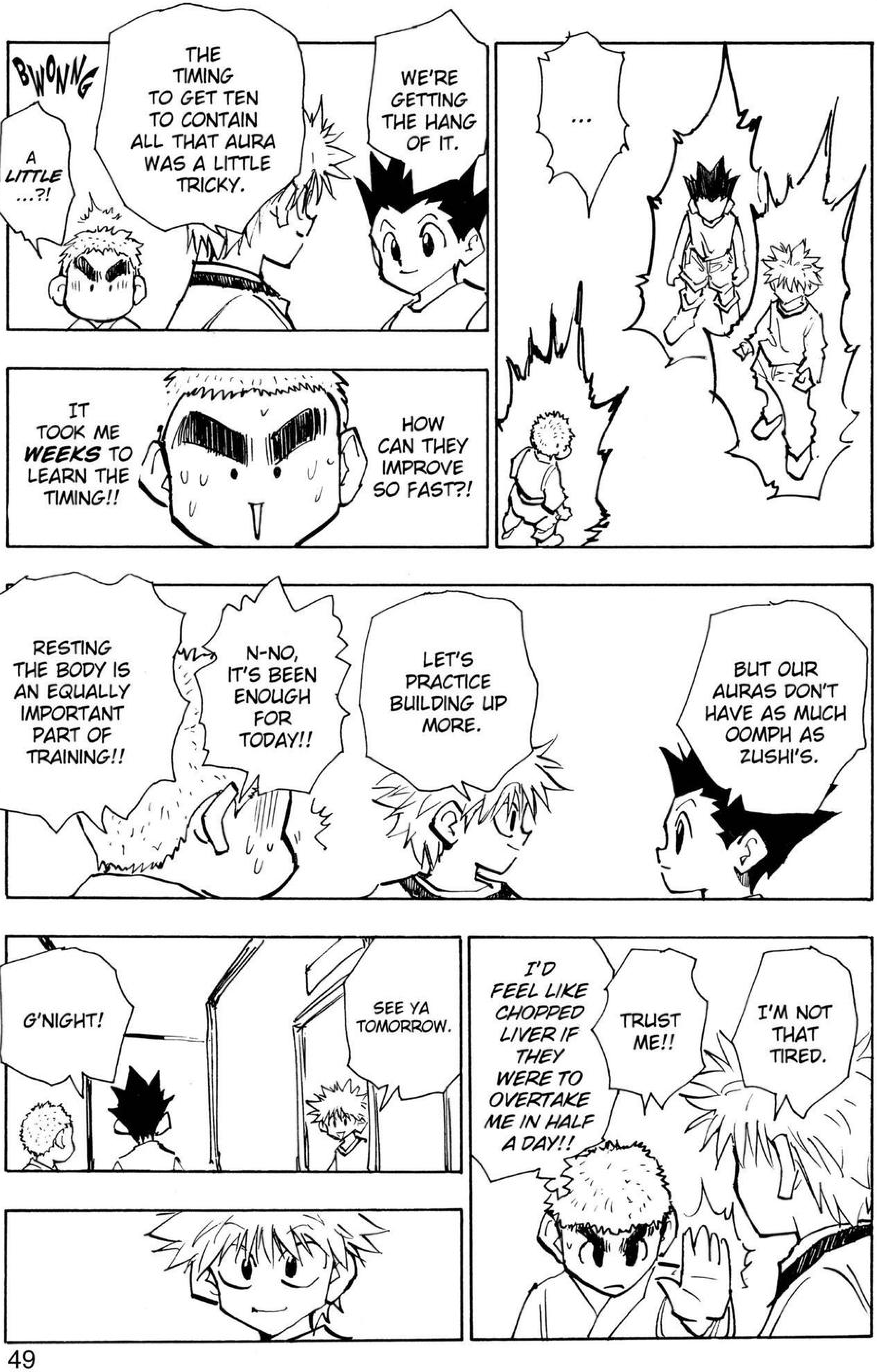
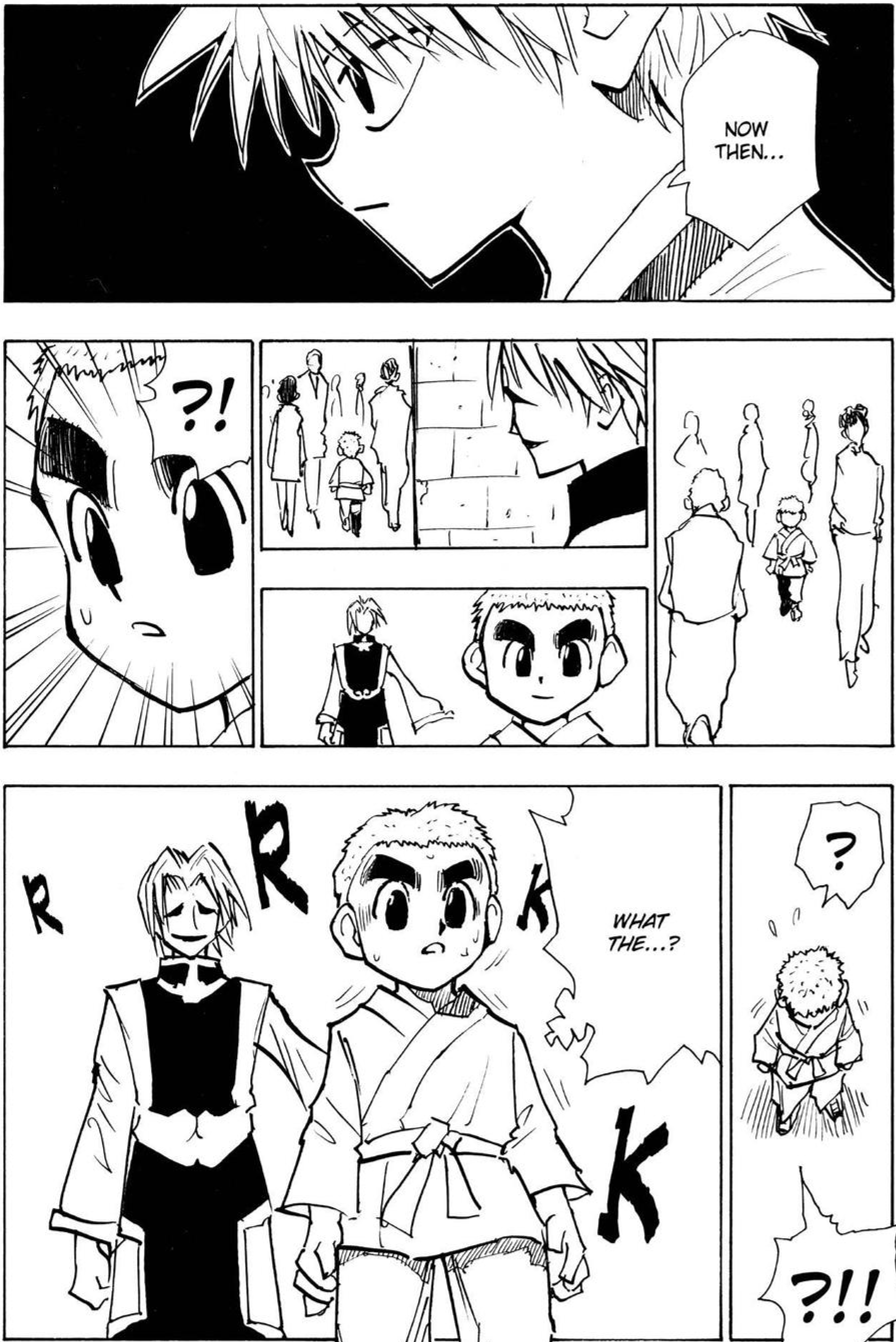
Promise


VISUALIZE ENERGY BUILDING UP IN THE BODY.
ENERGY FROM EACH AND EVERY CELL. GROWING, GROWING...
AND PROJECT ALL THIS AMASSED ENERGY—
OUTWARD!!!
FWOOOM


...
WE'RE GETTING THE HANG OF IT.
THE TIMING TO GET TEN TO CONTAIN ALL THAT AURA WAS A LITTLE TRICKY.
BWONNG
A *LITTLE* ...?!
HOW CAN THEY IMPROVE SO FAST?!
IT TOOK ME ***WEEKS*** TO LEARN THE TIMING!!
BUT OUR AURAS DON'T HAVE AS MUCH OOMPH AS ZUSHI'S.
LET'S PRACTICE BUILDING UP MORE.
N-NO, IT'S BEEN ENOUGH FOR TODAY!!
RESTING THE BODY IS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT PART OF TRAINING!!
I'M NOT THAT TIRED.
TRUST ME!!
I'D FEEL LIKE CHOPPED LIVER IF THEY WERE TO OVERTAKE ME IN HALF A DAY!!
SEE YA TOMORROW.
G'NIGHT!


NOW THEN...
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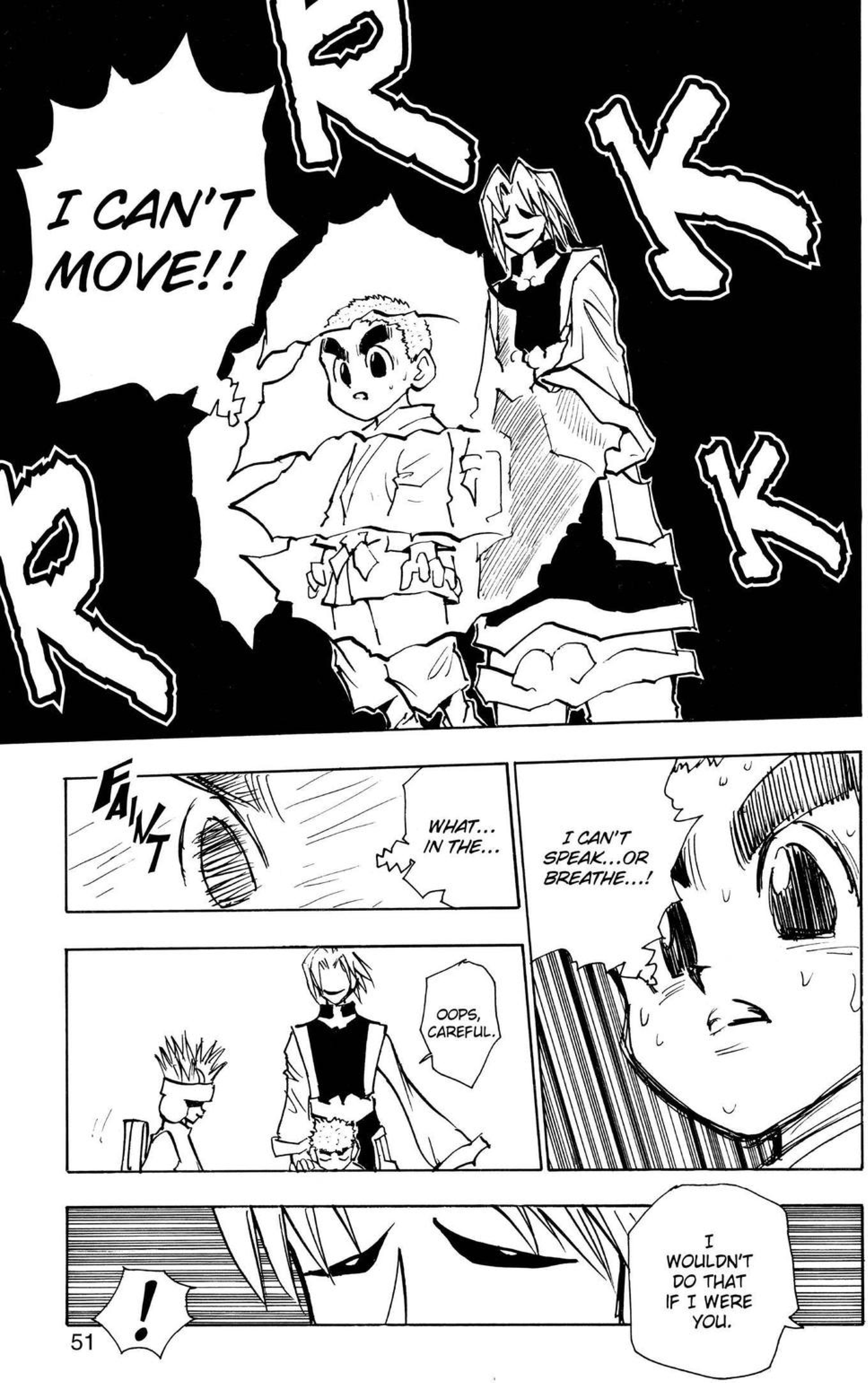
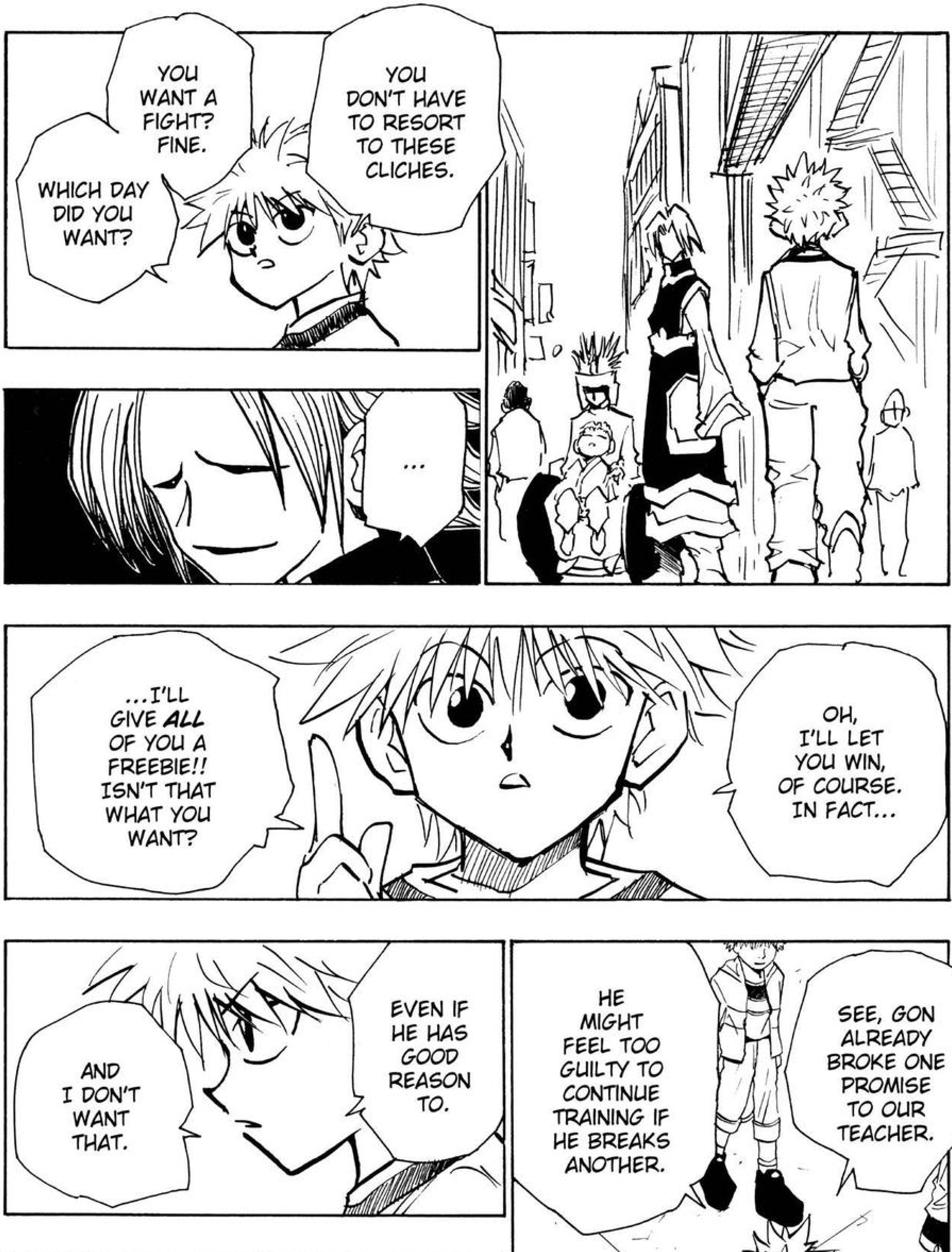
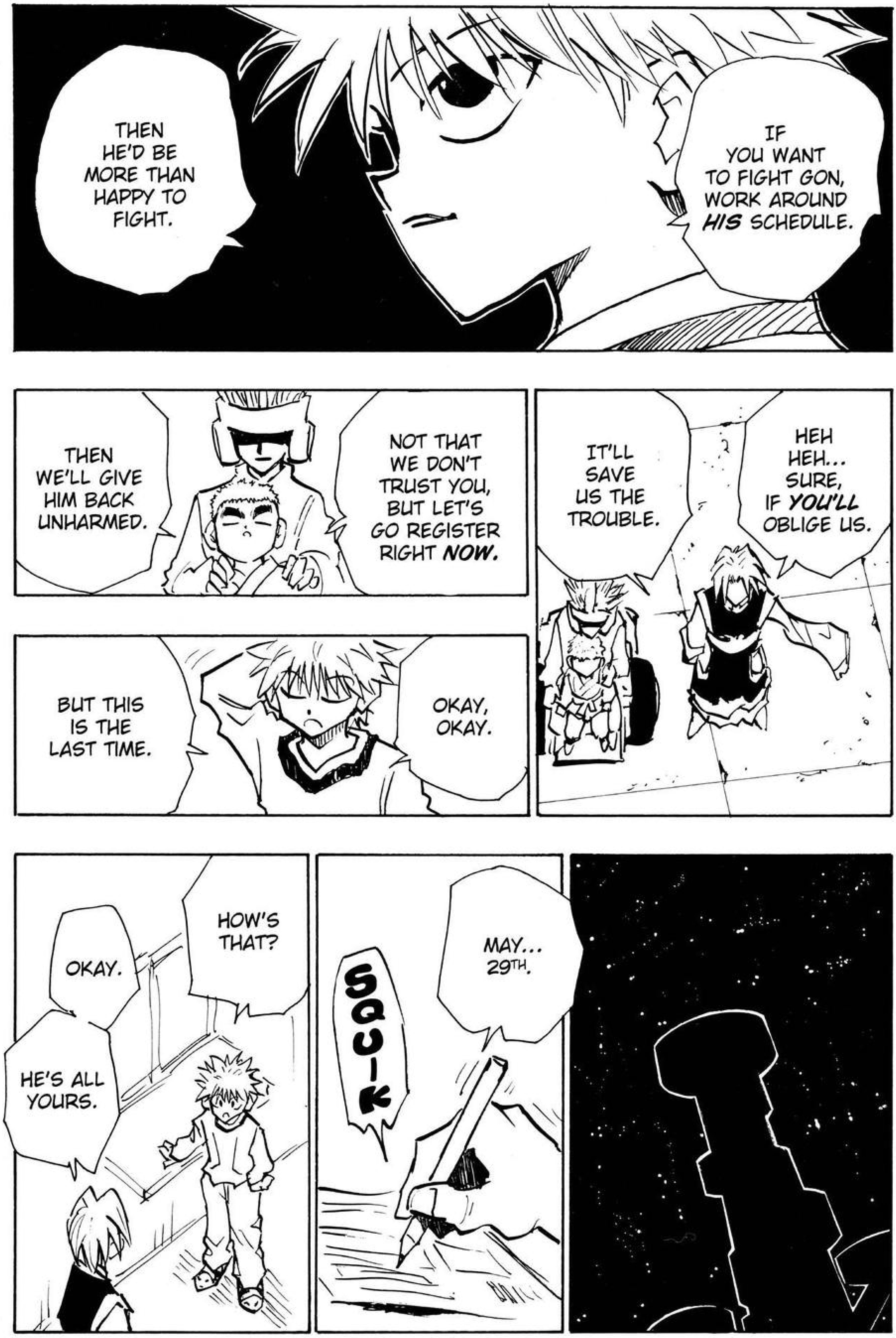
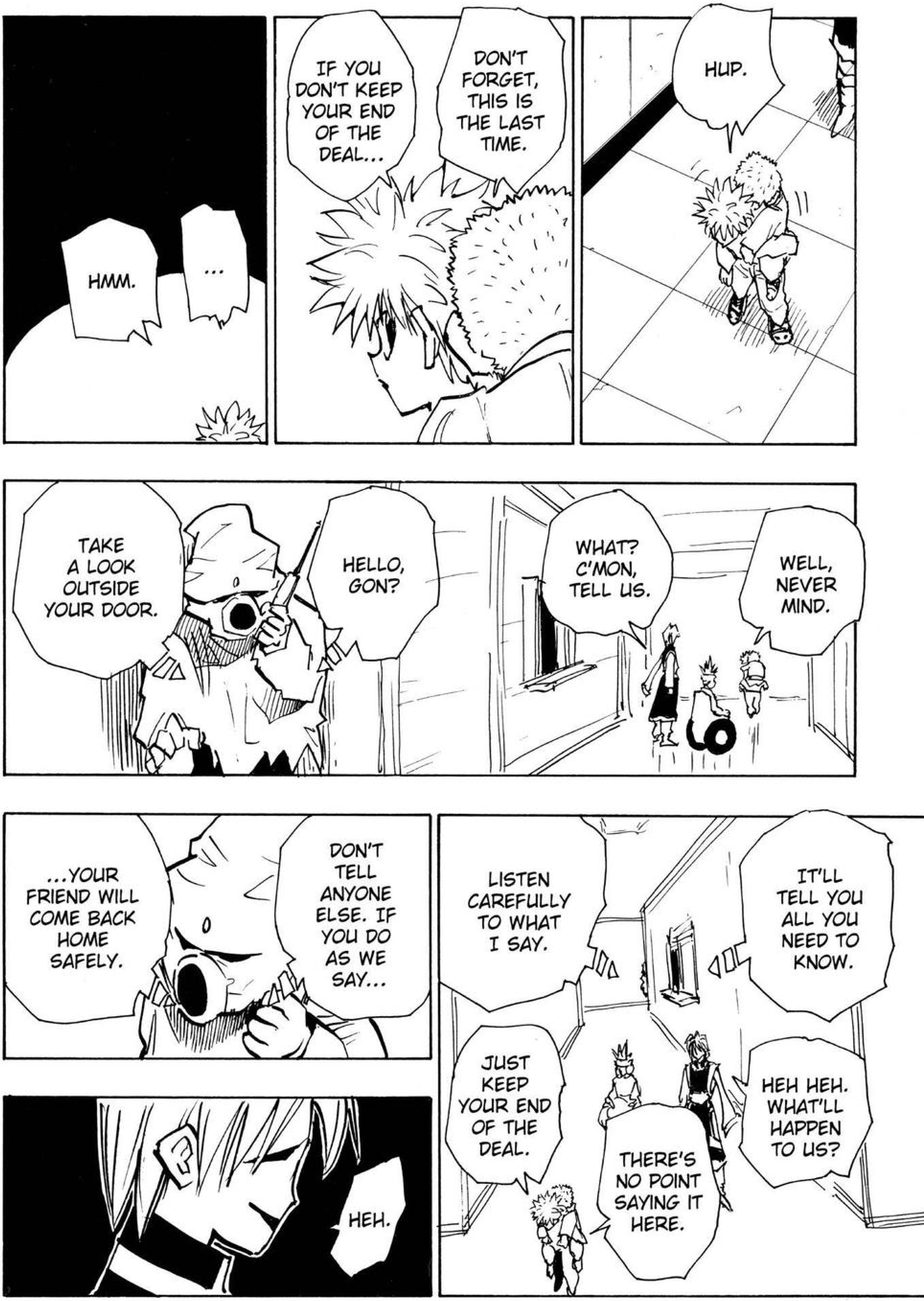
?!!
WHAT THE...?
R
R
K
K


RRKK
I CAN'T MOVE!!
I CAN'T SPEAK…OR BREATHE…!
FAINT
WHAT… IN THE…
OOPS, CAREFUL.
I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU.
!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESORT TO THESE CLICHES.
YOU WANT A FIGHT? FINE.
WHICH DAY DID YOU WANT?
...
OH, I'LL LET YOU WIN, OF COURSE. IN FACT...
...I'LL GIVE **ALL** OF YOU A FREEBIE!! ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
SEE, GON ALREADY BROKE ONE PROMISE TO OUR TEACHER.
HE MIGHT FEEL TOO GUILTY TO CONTINUE TRAINING IF HE BREAKS ANOTHER.
EVEN IF HE HAS GOOD REASON TO.
AND I DON'T WANT THAT.

READ THIS WAY


IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT GON, WORK AROUND ***HIS*** SCHEDULE.
THEN HE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO FIGHT.
HEH HEH... SURE, IF ***YOU'LL*** OBLIGE US.
IT'LL SAVE US THE TROUBLE.
NOT THAT WE DON'T TRUST YOU, BUT LET'S GO REGISTER RIGHT ***NOW.***
THEN WE'LL GIVE HIM BACK UNHARMED.
OKAY, OKAY.
BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME.
MAY... 29TH.
SQUIK
HOW'S THAT?
OKAY.
HE'S ALL YOURS.


HUP.
DON'T FORGET, THIS IS THE LAST TIME.
IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR END OF THE DEAL...
...
HMM.
WELL, NEVER MIND.
WHAT? C'MON, TELL US.
HELLO, GON?
TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR.
IT'LL TELL YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I SAY.
HEH HEH. WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO US?
THERE'S NO POINT SAYING IT HERE.
JUST KEEP YOUR END OF THE DEAL.
DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE. IF YOU DO AS WE SAY...
...YOUR FRIEND WILL COME BACK HOME SAFELY.
HEH.

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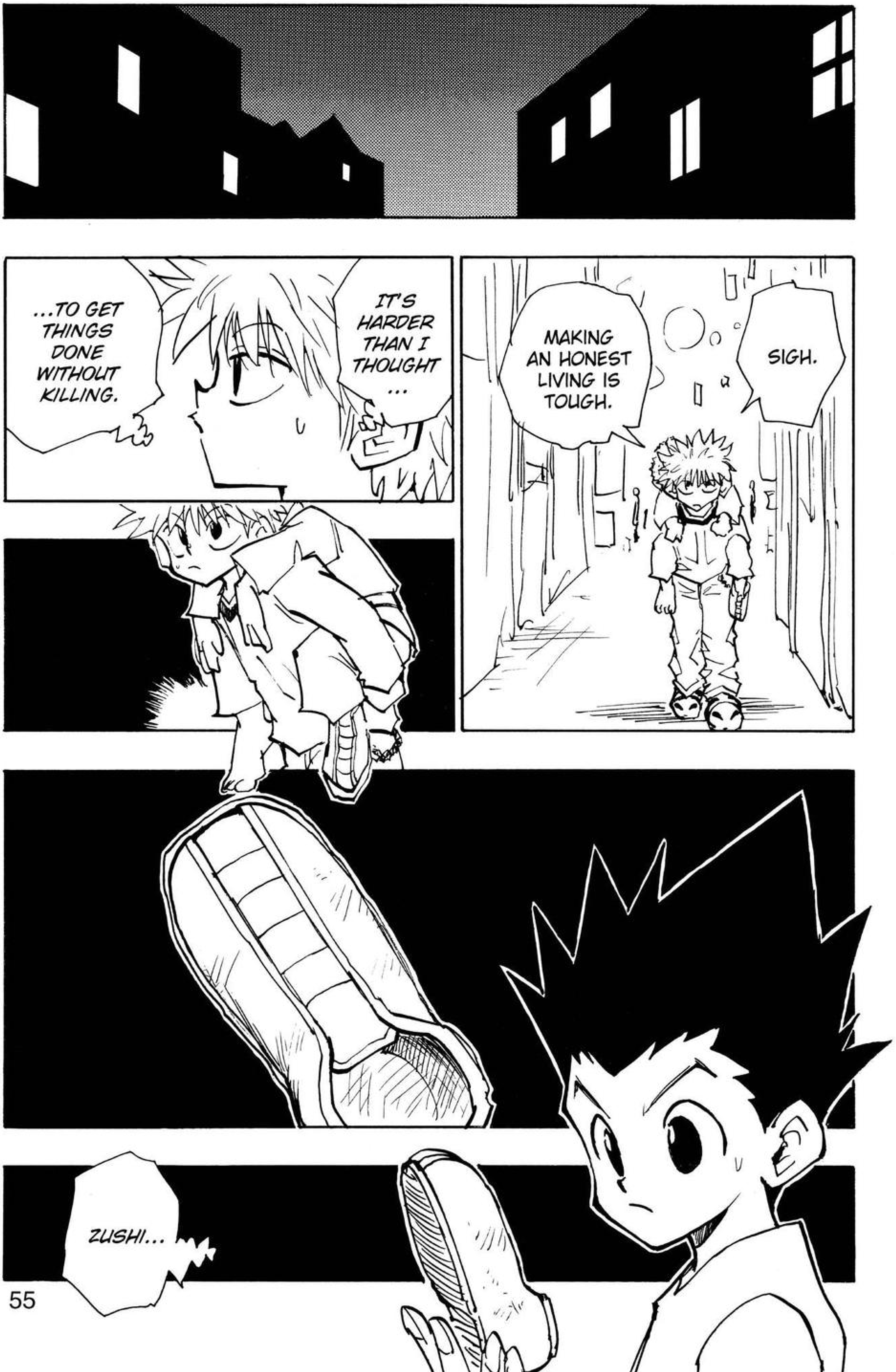
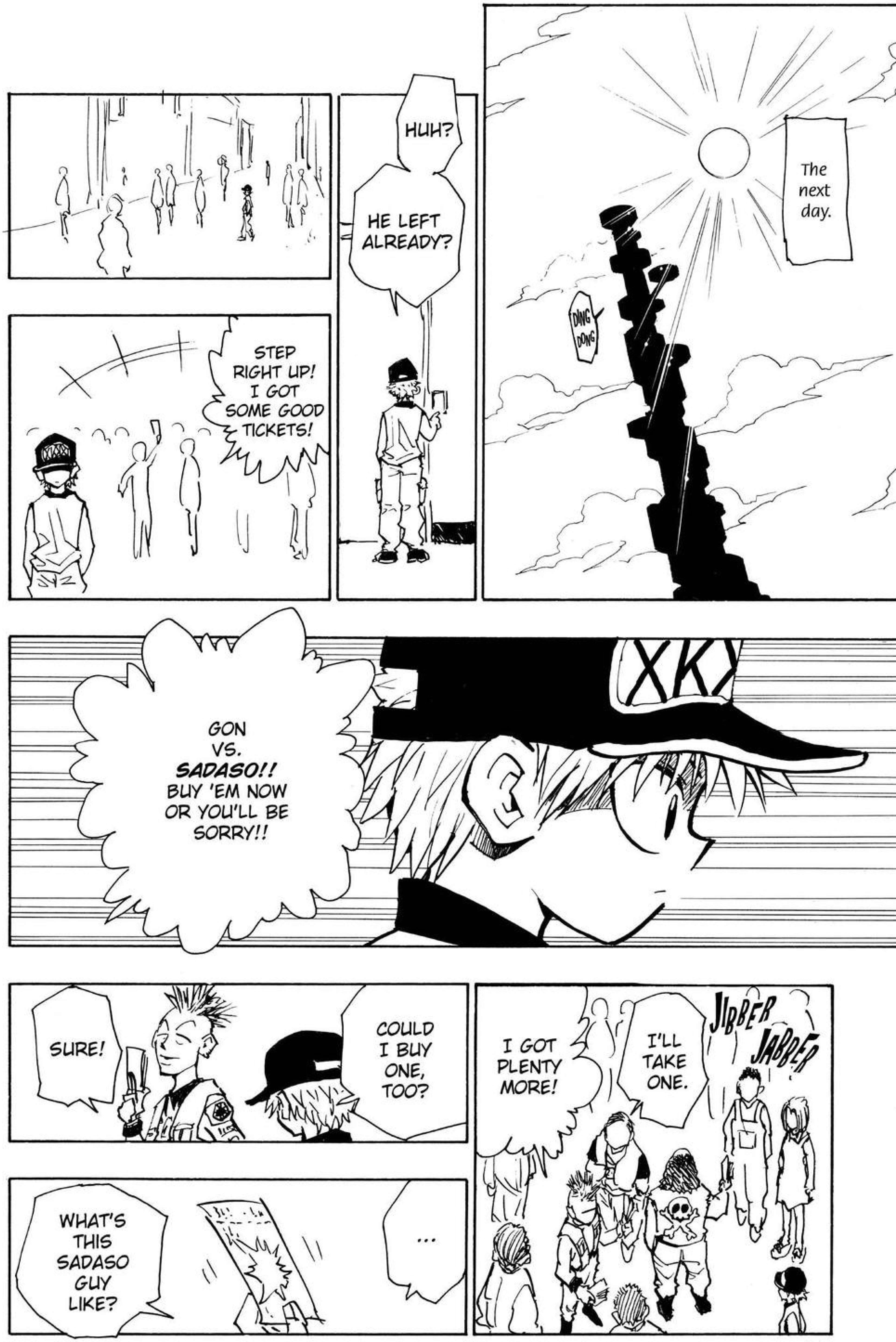
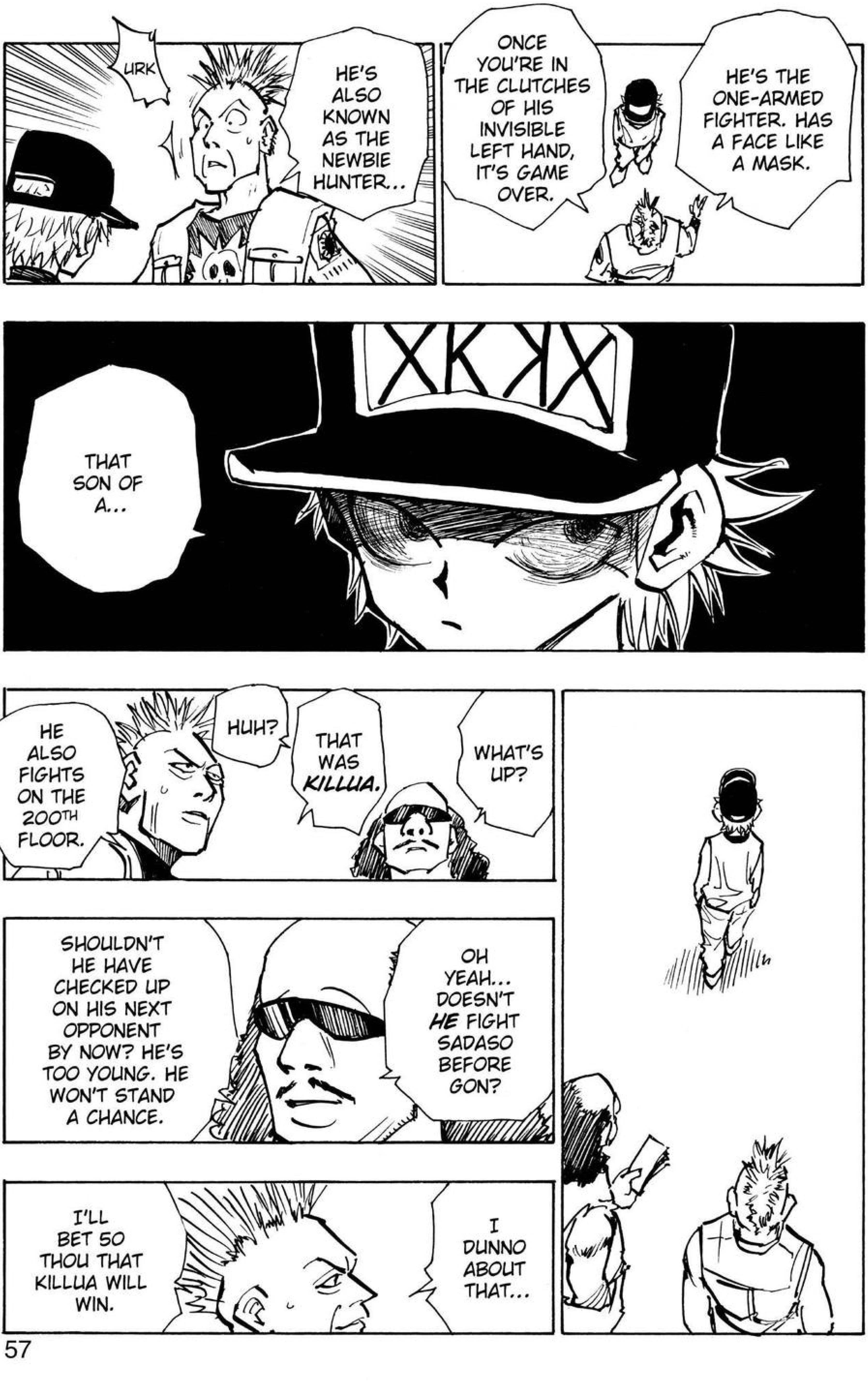
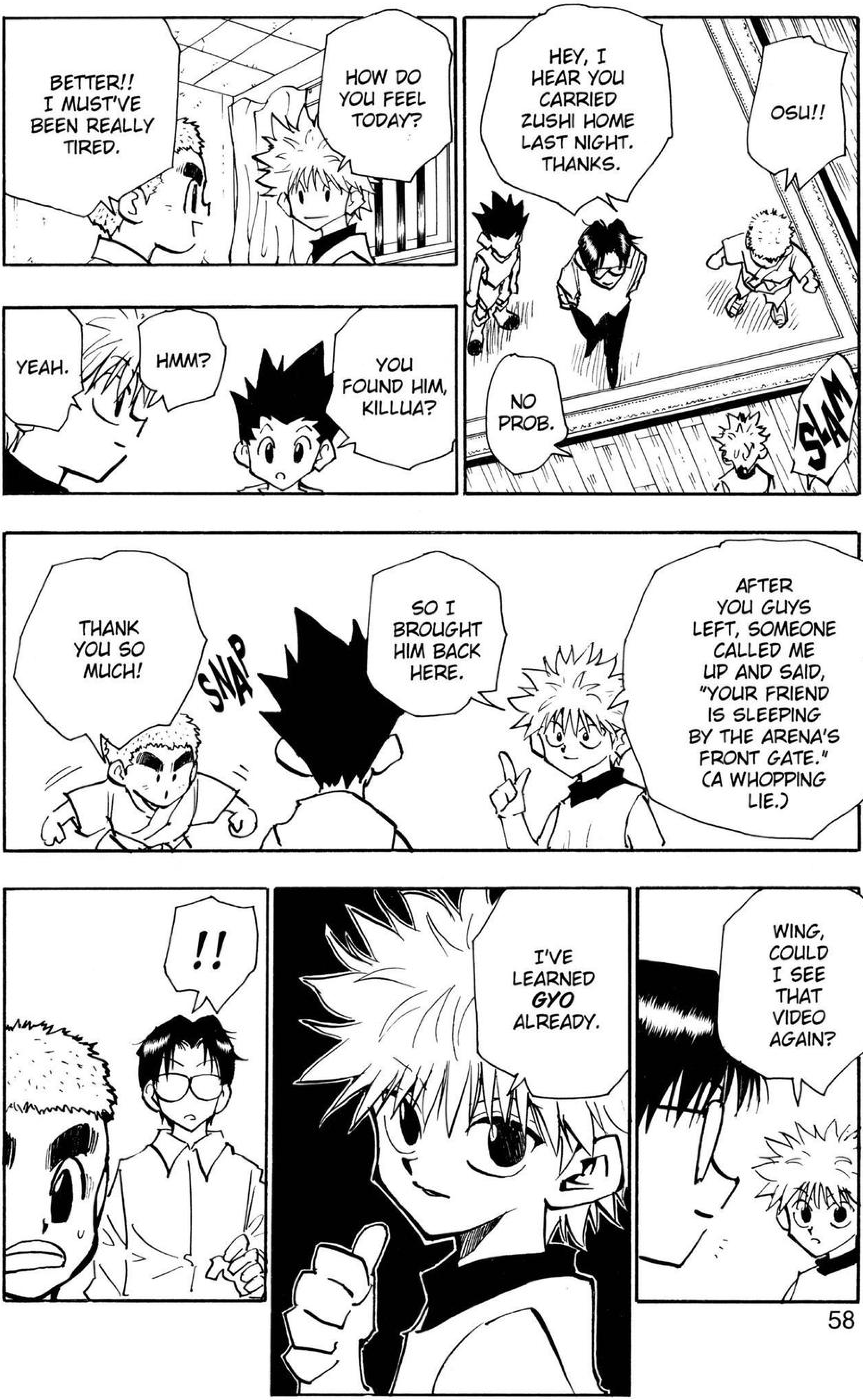
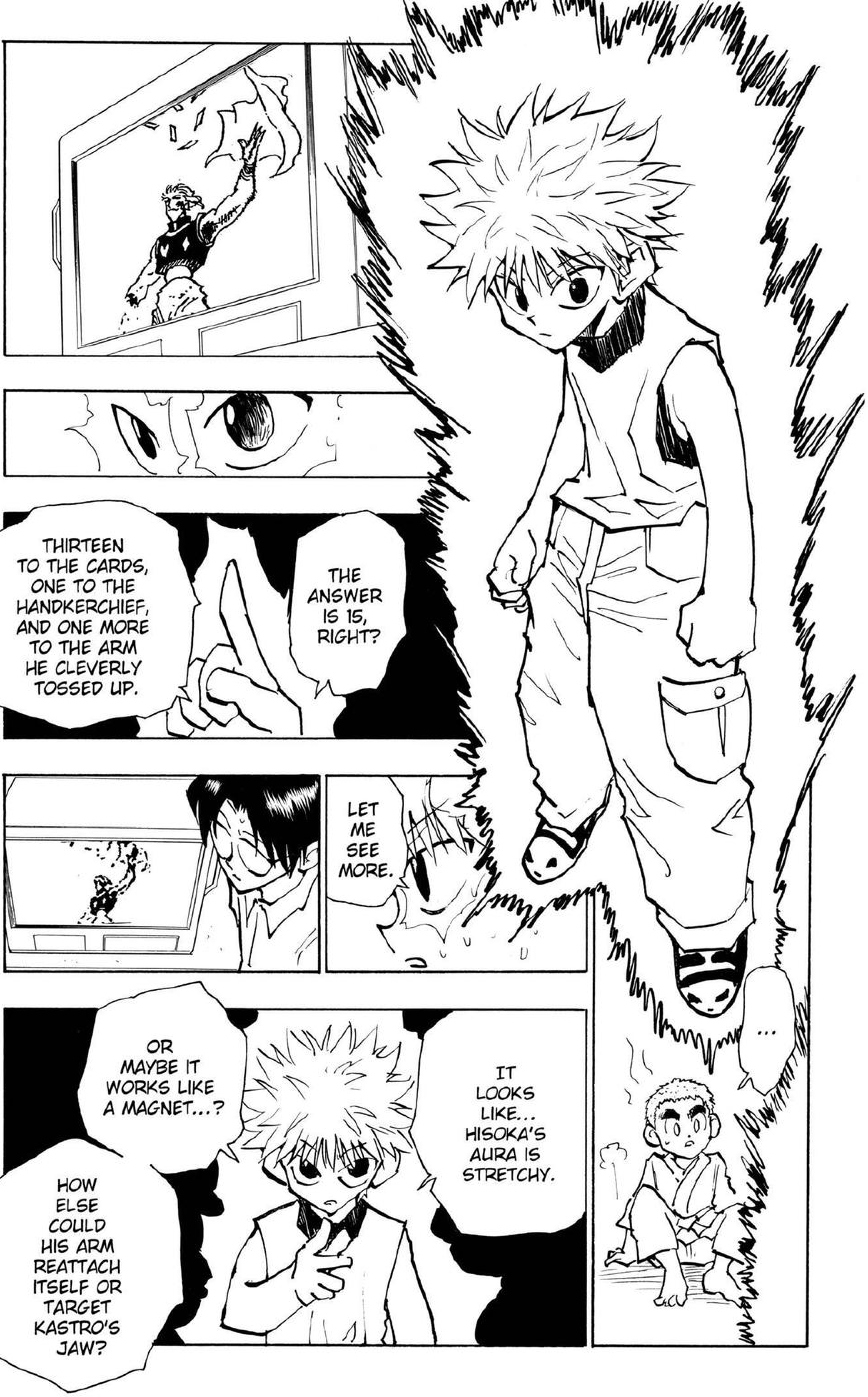
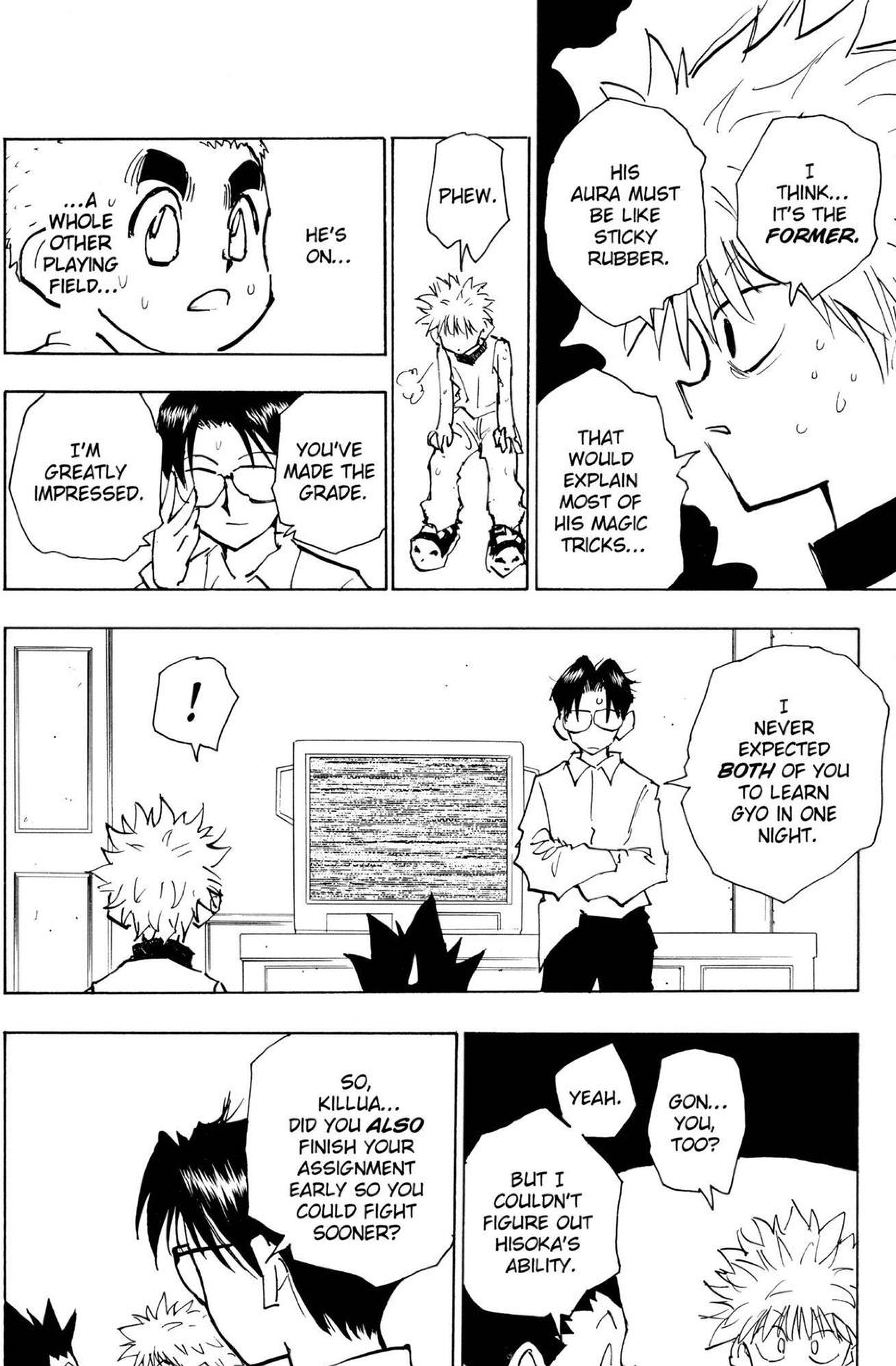

SIGH.
MAKING AN HONEST LIVING IS TOUGH.
IT'S HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...
...TO GET THINGS DONE WITHOUT KILLING.
ZUSHI...

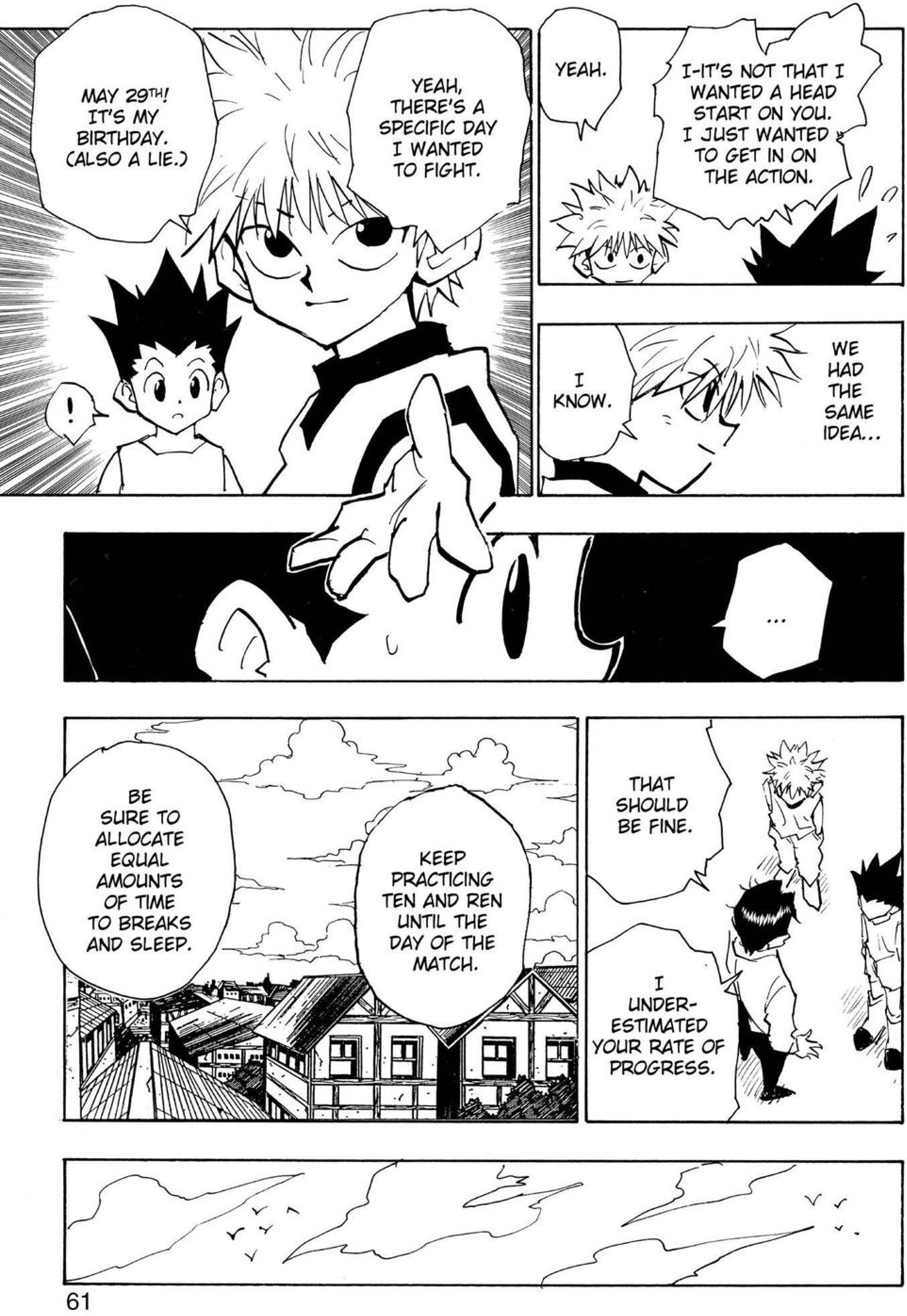

The next day.
DING DONG
HUH?
HE LEFT ALREADY?
STEP RIGHT UP! I GOT SOME GOOD TICKETS!
GON VS. SADASO!! BUY 'EM NOW OR YOU'LL BE SORRY!!
JIBBER JABBER
I'LL TAKE ONE.
I GOT PLENTY MORE!
COULD I BUY ONE, TOO?
SURE!
...
WHAT'S THIS SADASO GUY LIKE?

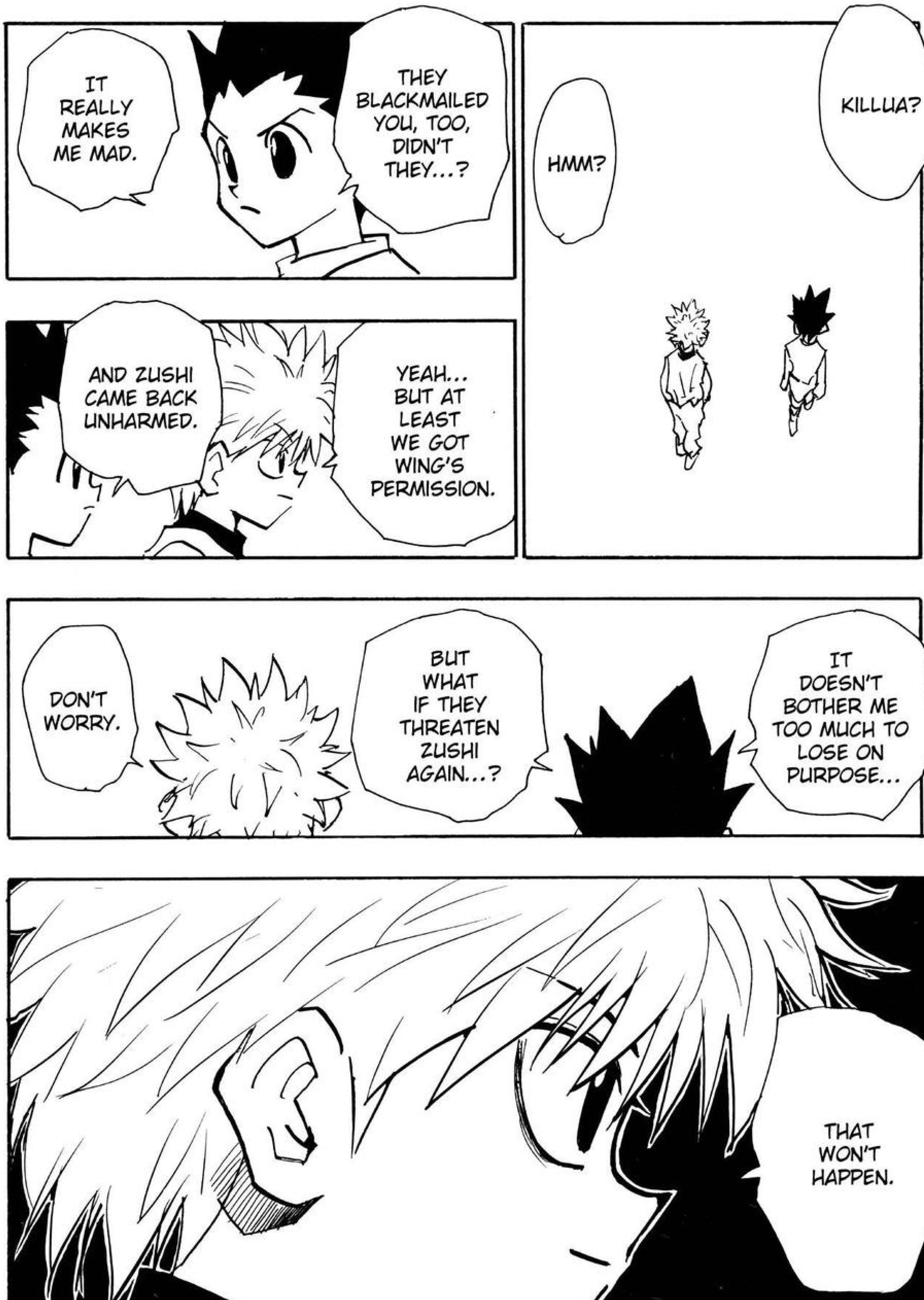

HE'S THE ONE-ARMED FIGHTER. HAS A FACE LIKE A MASK.
ONCE YOU'RE IN THE CLUTCHES OF HIS INVISIBLE LEFT HAND, IT'S GAME OVER.
HE'S ALSO KNOWN AS THE NEWBIE HUNTER...
URK
THAT SON OF A...
WHAT'S UP?
THAT WAS KILLUA.
HUH?
HE ALSO FIGHTS ON THE 200TH FLOOR.
OH YEAH... DOESN'T HE FIGHT SADASO BEFORE GON?
SHOULDN'T HE HAVE CHECKED UP ON HIS NEXT OPPONENT BY NOW? HE'S TOO YOUNG. HE WON'T STAND A CHANCE.
I DUNNO ABOUT THAT...
I'LL BET 50 THOU THAT KILLUA WILL WIN.


OSU!!
HEY, I HEAR YOU CARRIED ZUSHI HOME LAST NIGHT. THANKS.
NO PROB.
SLAM
HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?
BETTER!! I MUST'VE BEEN REALLY TIRED.
YOU FOUND HIM, KILLUA?
HMM?
YEAH.
AFTER YOU GUYS LEFT, SOMEONE CALLED ME UP AND SAID, "YOUR FRIEND IS SLEEPING BY THE ARENA'S FRONT GATE." (A WHOPPING LIE.)
SO I BROUGHT HIM BACK HERE.
SNAP
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WING, COULD I SEE THAT VIDEO AGAIN?
I'VE LEARNED GYO ALREADY.
!!

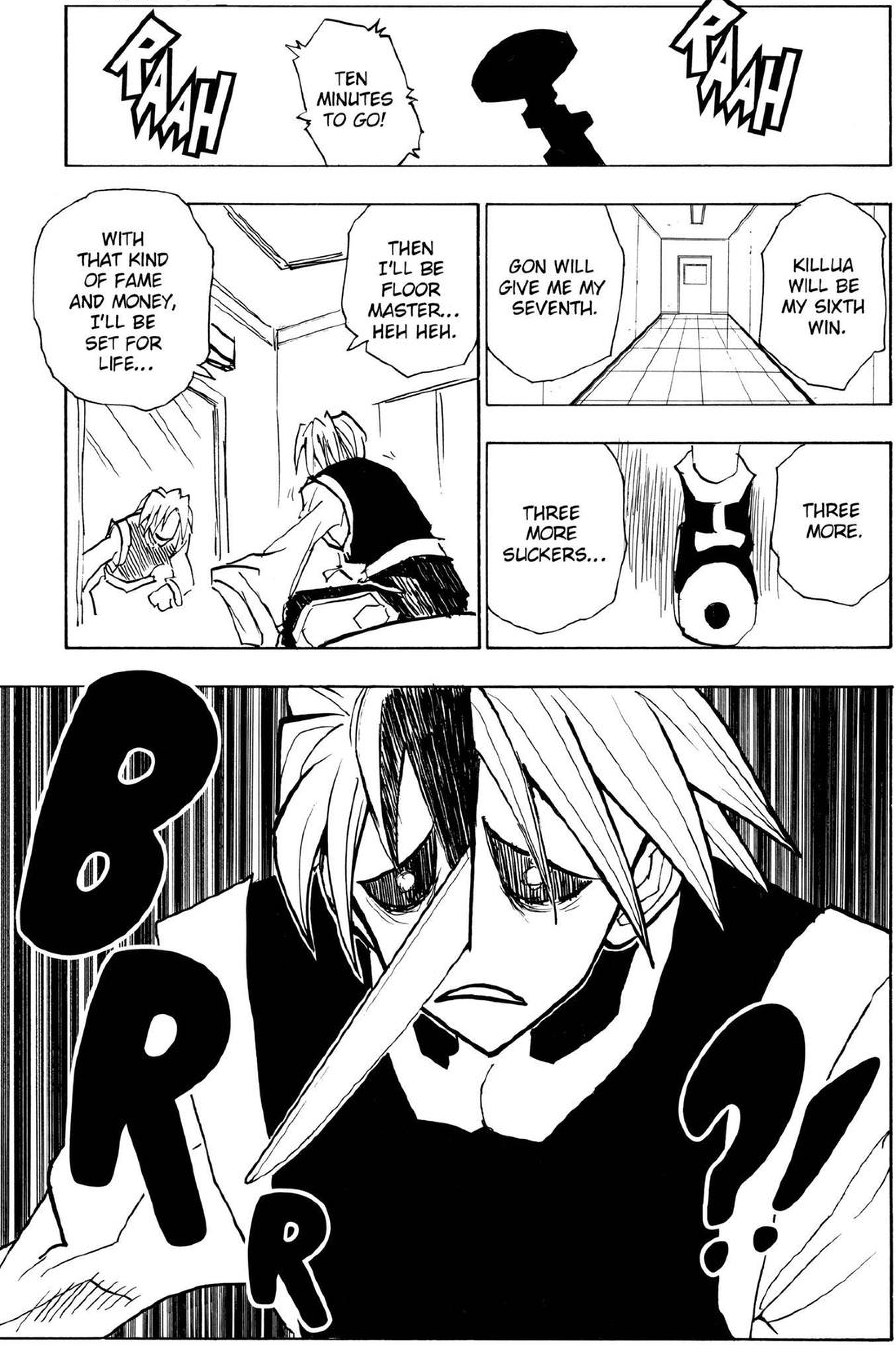

THE ANSWER IS 15, RIGHT?
THIRTEEN TO THE CARDS, ONE TO THE HANDKERCHIEF, AND ONE MORE TO THE ARM HE CLEVERLY TOSSED UP.
LET ME SEE MORE.
IT LOOKS LIKE... HISOKA'S AURA IS STRETCHY.
OR MAYBE IT WORKS LIKE A MAGNET...?
HOW ELSE COULD HIS ARM REATTACH ITSELF OR TARGET KASTRO'S JAW?
...

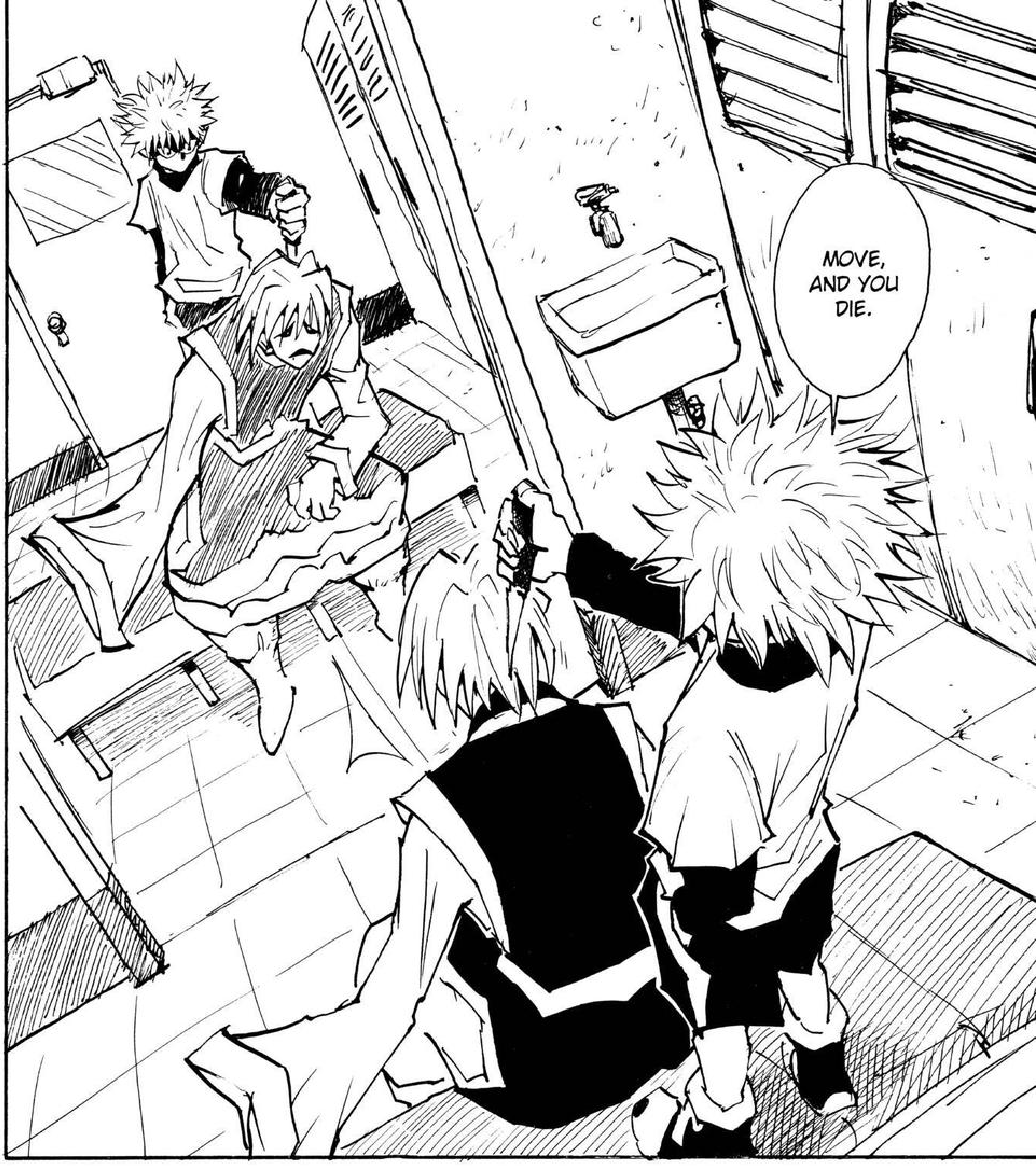

I THINK... IT'S THE **FORMER.**
HIS AURA MUST BE LIKE STICKY RUBBER.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN MOST OF HIS MAGIC TRICKS...
PHEW.
HE'S ON...
...A WHOLE OTHER PLAYING FIELD...
YOU'VE MADE THE GRADE.
I'M GREATLY IMPRESSED.
I NEVER EXPECTED **BOTH** OF YOU TO LEARN GYO IN ONE NIGHT.
!
GON... YOU, TOO?
YEAH.
BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HISOKA'S ABILITY.
SO, KILLUA... DID YOU **ALSO** FINISH YOUR ASSIGNMENT EARLY SO YOU COULD FIGHT SOONER?

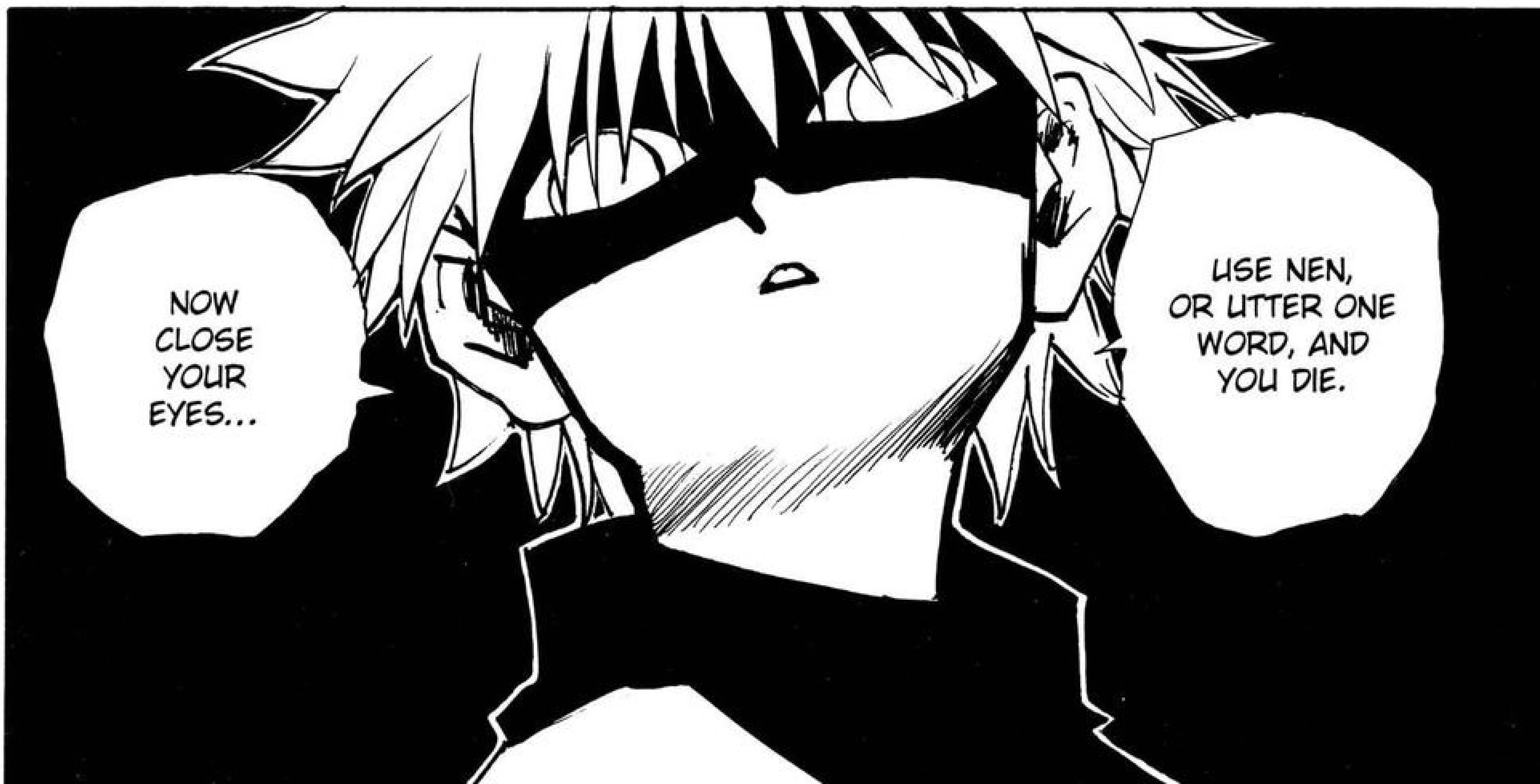

I-IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED A HEAD START ON YOU. I JUST WANTED TO GET IN ON THE ACTION.
YEAH.
WE HAD THE SAME IDEA...
I KNOW.
YEAH, THERE'S A SPECIFIC DAY I WANTED TO FIGHT.
MAY 29TH! IT'S MY BIRTHDAY. (ALSO A LIE.)
!
...
THAT SHOULD BE FINE.
I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOUR RATE OF PROGRESS.
KEEP PRACTICING TEN AND REN UNTIL THE DAY OF THE MATCH.
BE SURE TO ALLOCATE EQUAL AMOUNTS OF TIME TO BREAKS AND SLEEP.


KILLUA?
HMM?
THEY BLACKMAILED YOU, TOO, DIDN'T THEY...?
IT REALLY MAKES ME MAD.
YEAH... BUT AT LEAST WE GOT WING'S PERMISSION.
AND ZUSHI CAME BACK UNHARMED.
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME TOO MUCH TO LOSE ON PURPOSE...
BUT WHAT IF THEY THREATEN ZUSHI AGAIN...?
DON'T WORRY.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN.

READ THIS WAY


RAAH
TEN MINUTES TO GO!
RAAH
KILLUA WILL BE MY SIXTH WIN.
GON WILL GIVE ME MY SEVENTH.
THEN I'LL BE FLOOR MASTER... HEH HEH.
WITH THAT KIND OF FAME AND MONEY, I'LL BE SET FOR LIFE...
THREE MORE.
THREE MORE SUCKERS...
?!
BRR


MOVE, AND YOU DIE.


USE NEN, OR UTTER ONE WORD, AND YOU DIE.
NOW CLOSE YOUR EYES...

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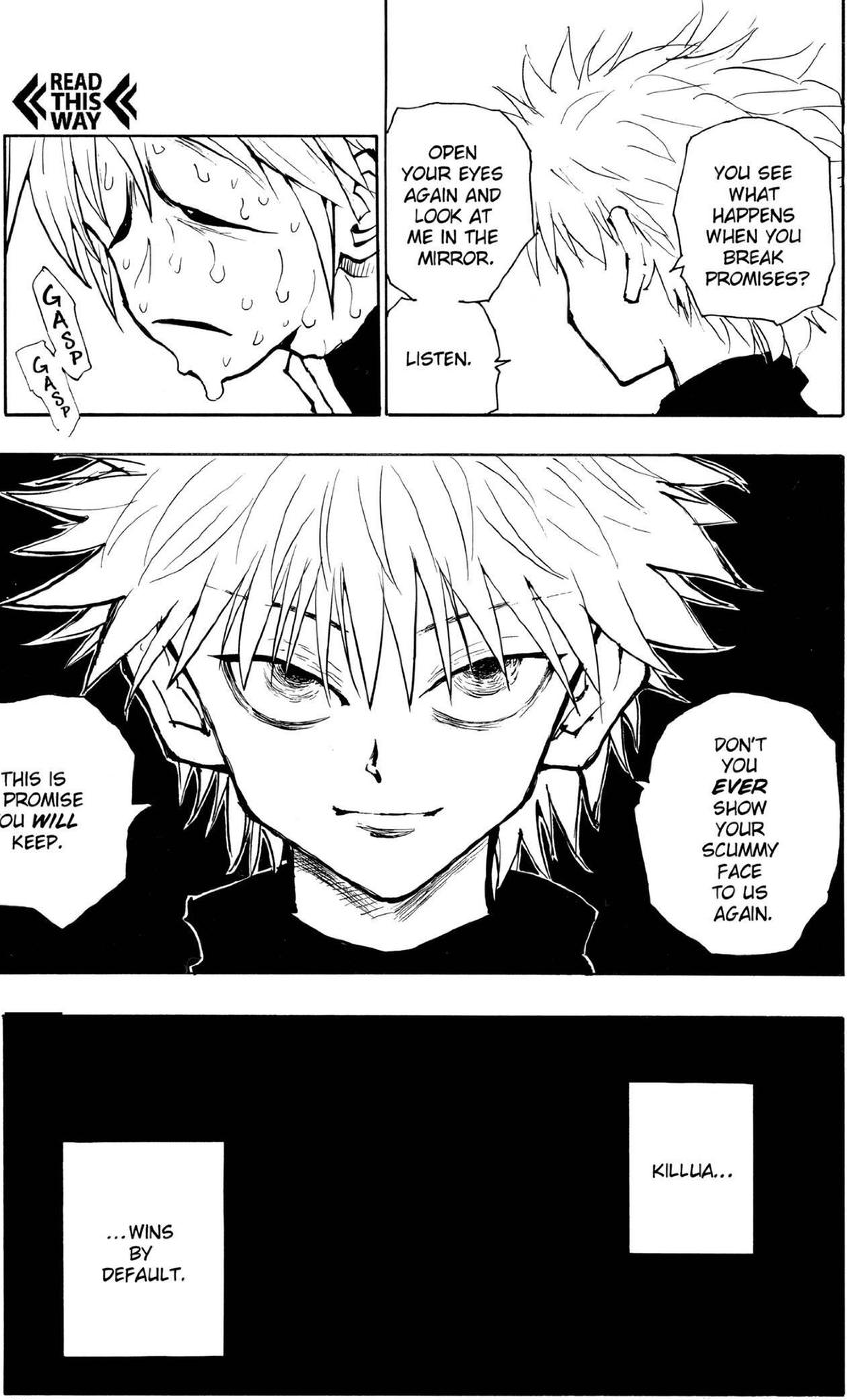
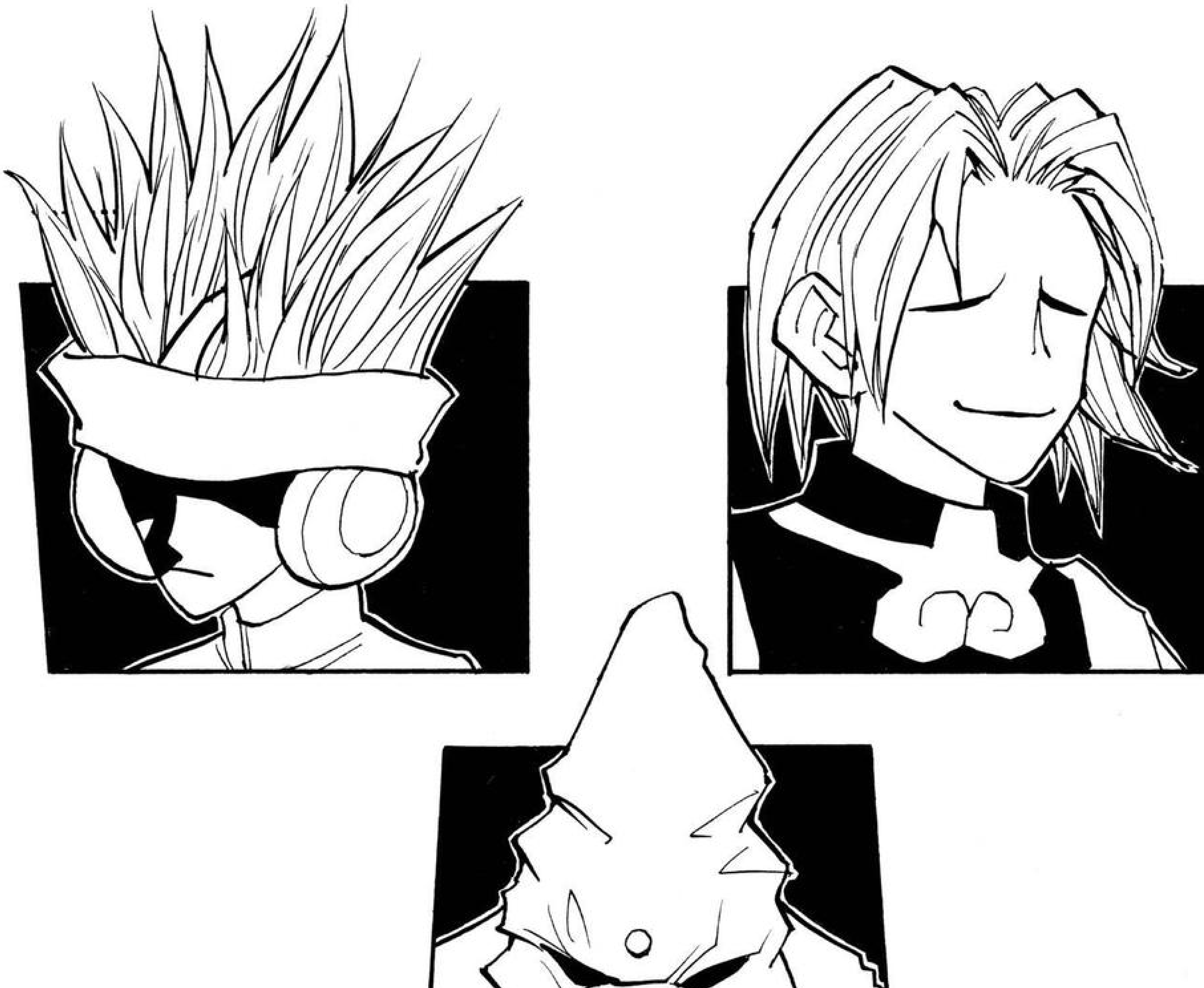
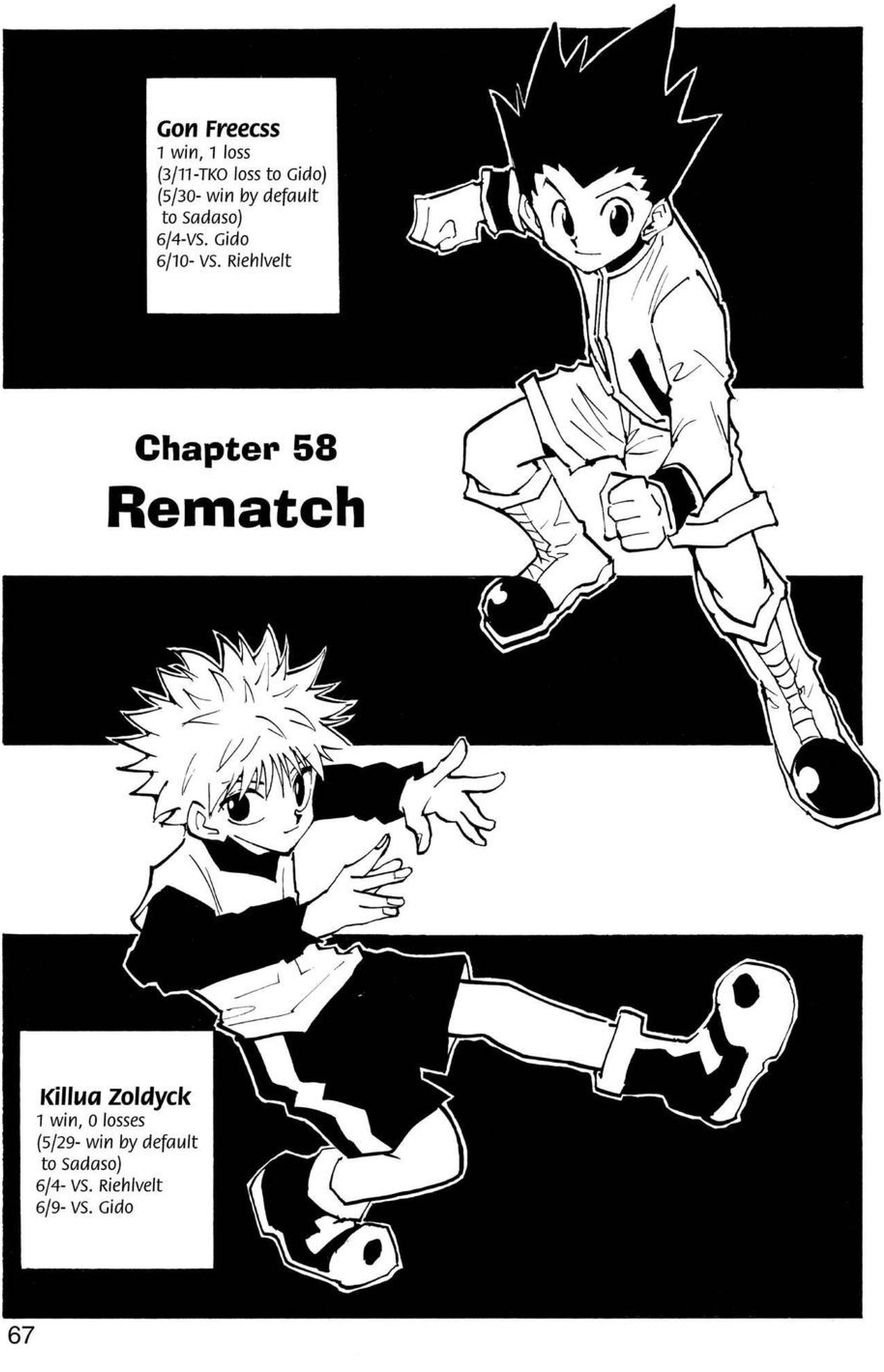

YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BREAK PROMISES?
OPEN YOUR EYES AGAIN AND LOOK AT ME IN THE MIRROR.
LISTEN.
GASP GASP
DON'T YOU *EVER* SHOW YOUR SCUMMY FACE TO US AGAIN.
THIS IS A PROMISE YOU *WILL* KEEP.
KILLUA...
...WINS BY DEFAULT.



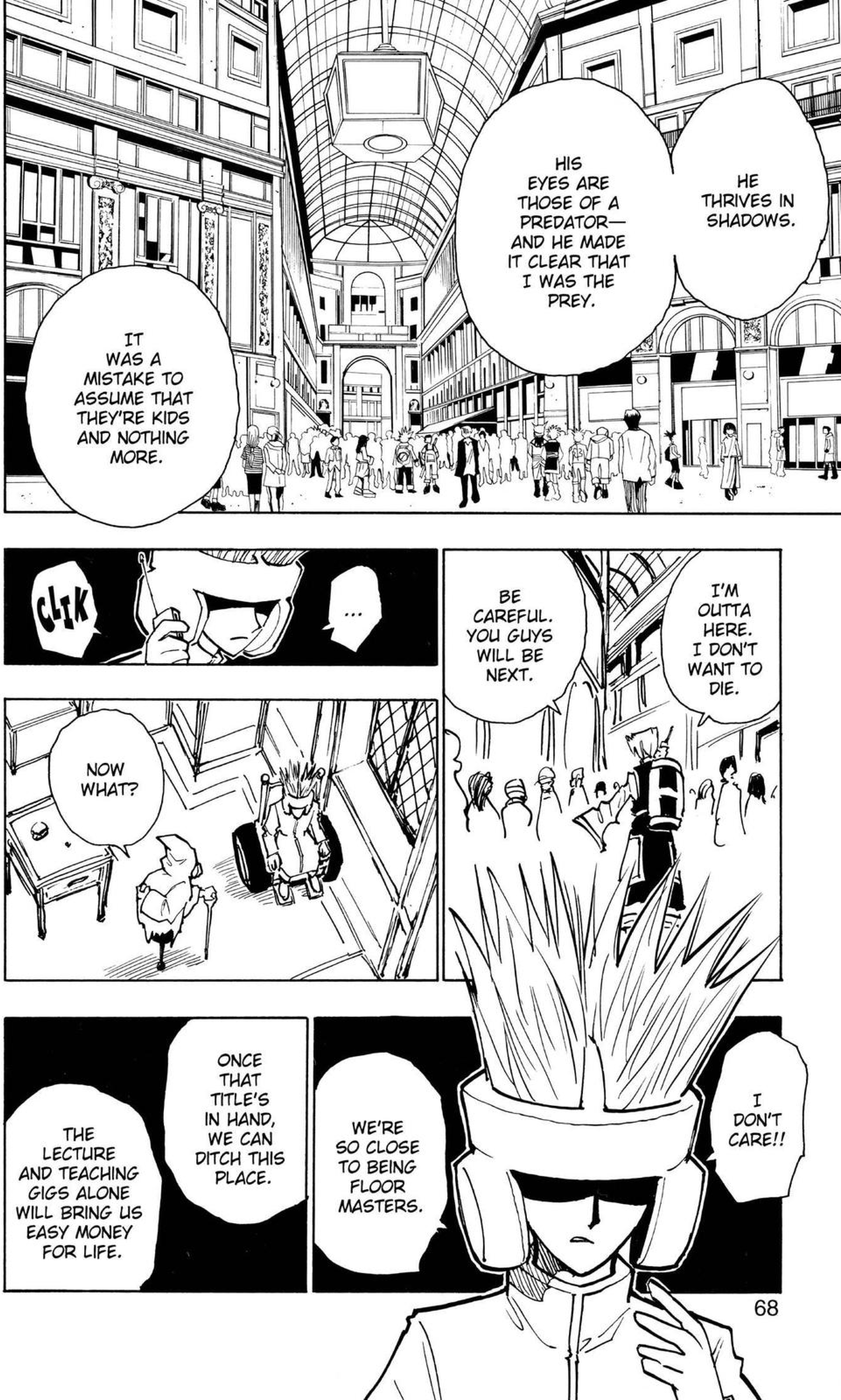


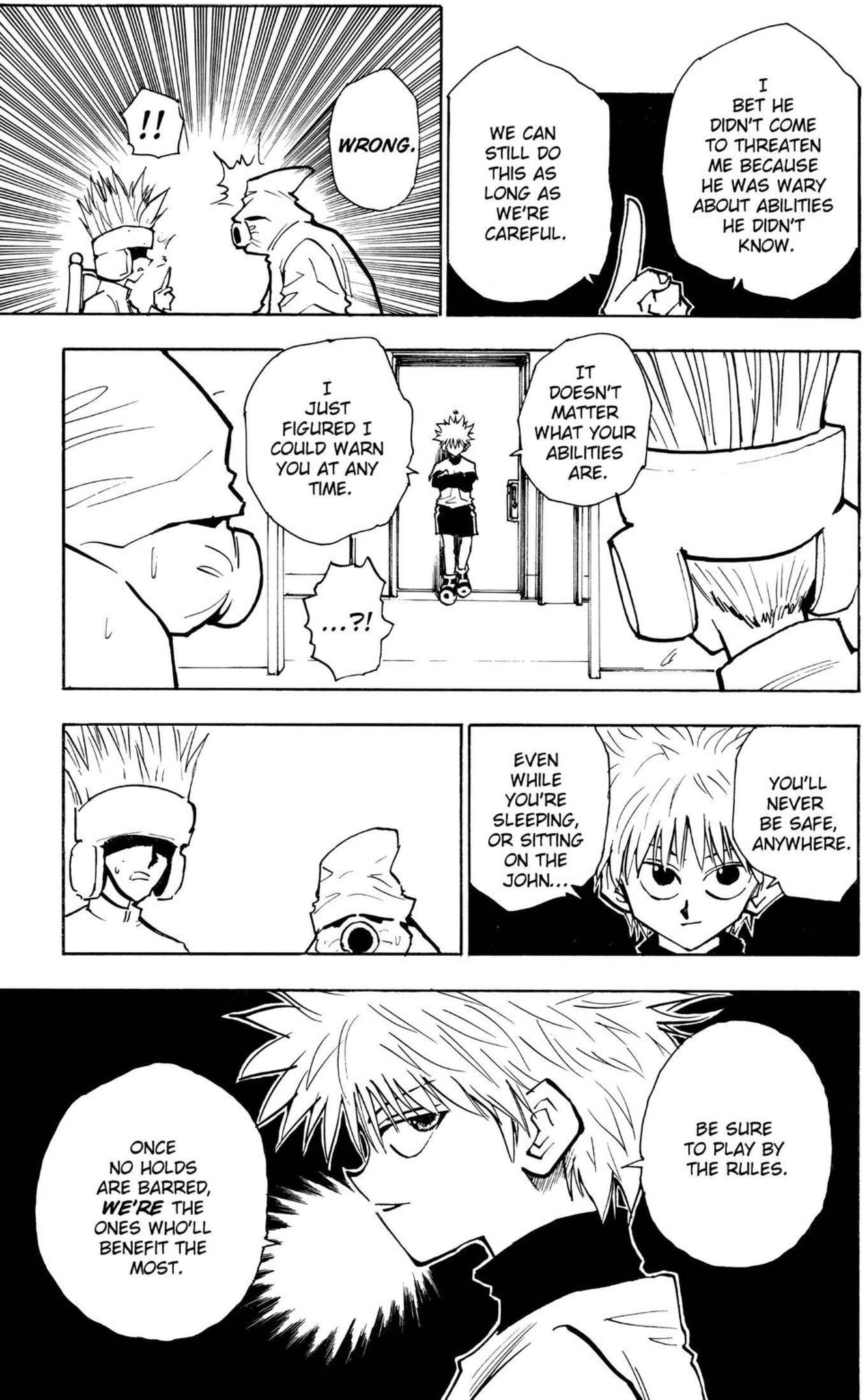
Gon Freecss
1 win, 1 loss
(3/11-TKO loss to Gido)
(5/30- win by default
to Sadaso)
6/4-VS. Gido
6/10- VS. Riehlvelt

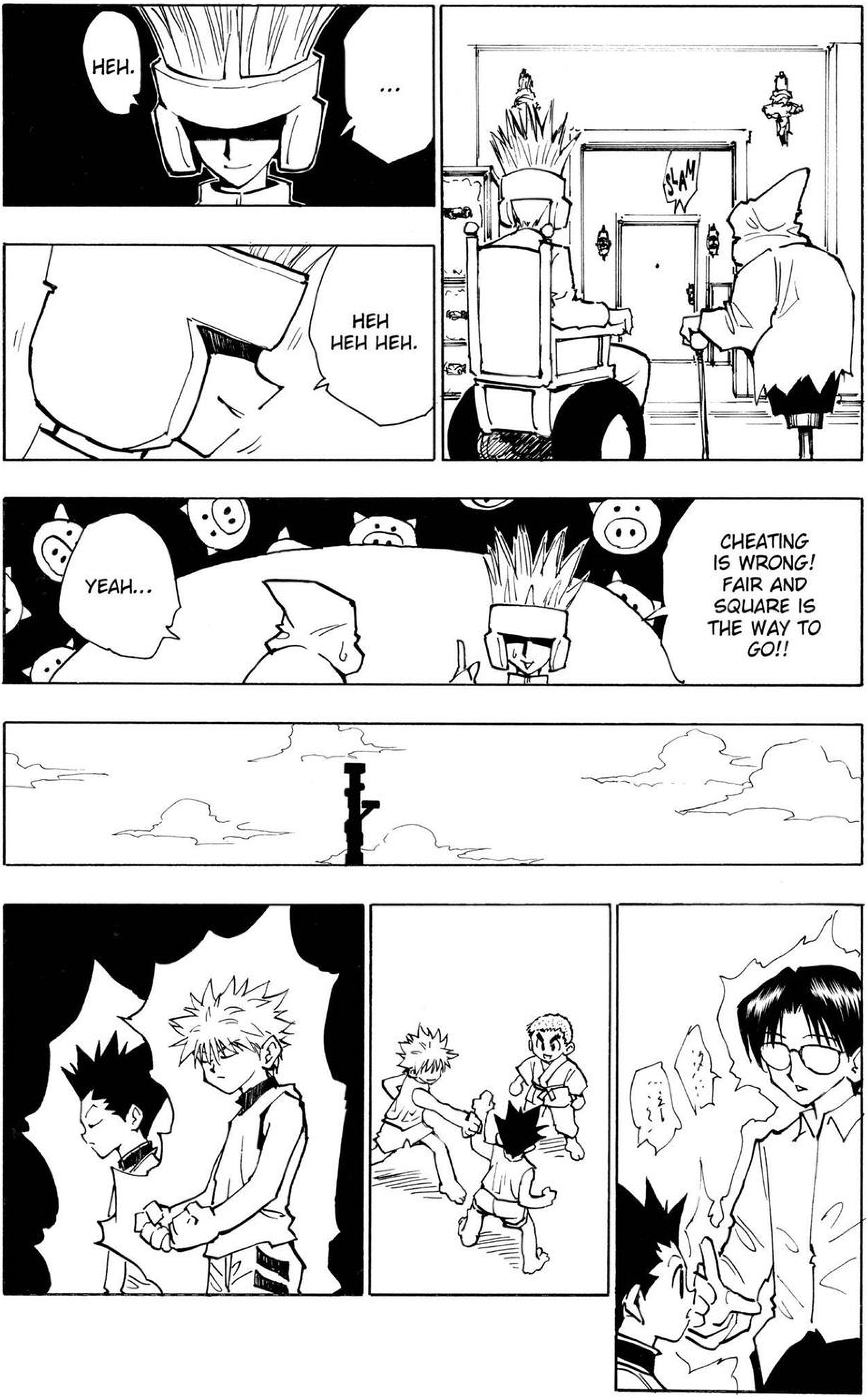
Chapter 58

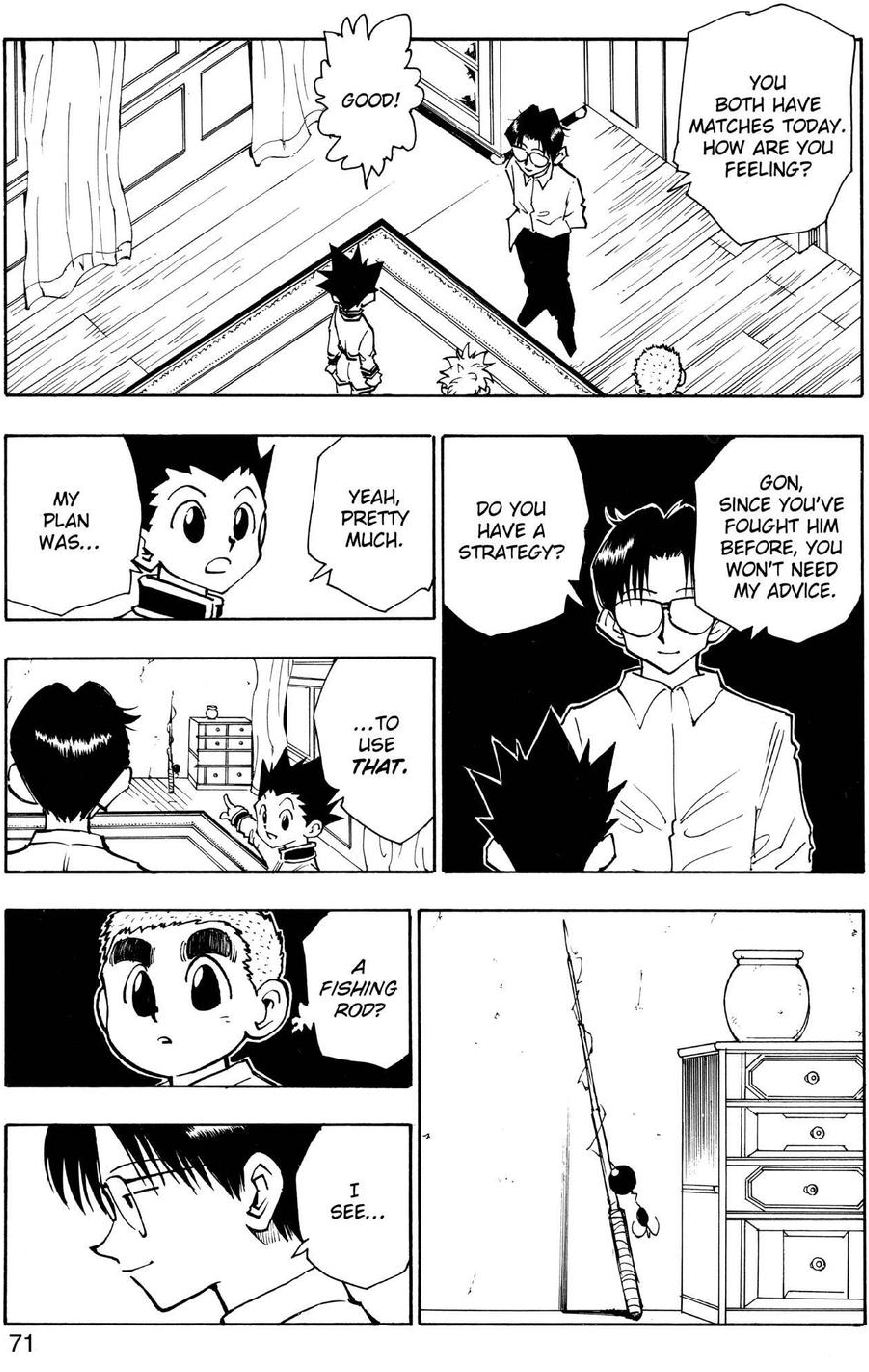
Rematch

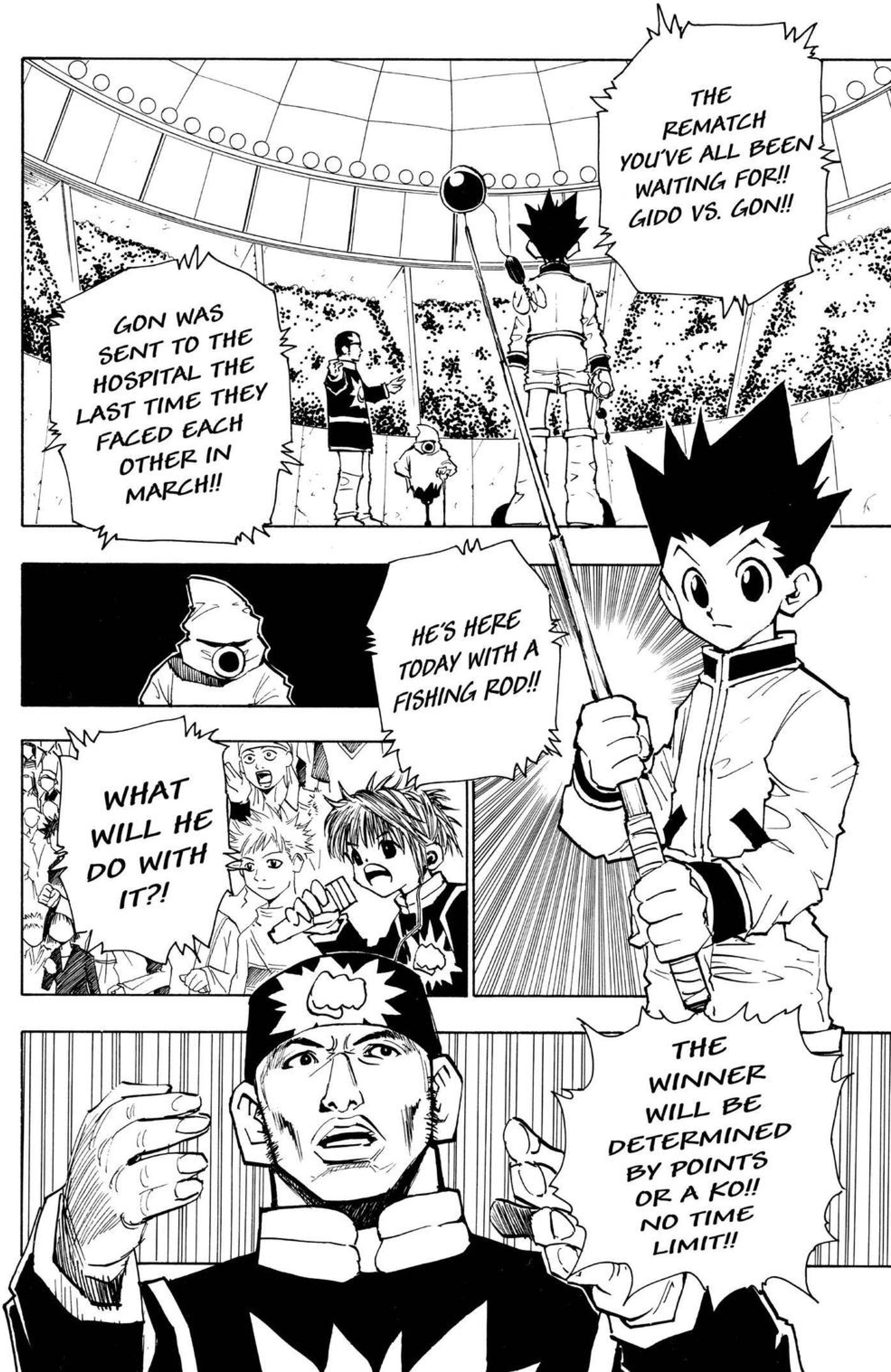
Killua Zoldyck
1 win, 0 losses
(5/29- win by default
to Sadaso)
6/4- VS. Riehlvelt
6/9- VS. Gido

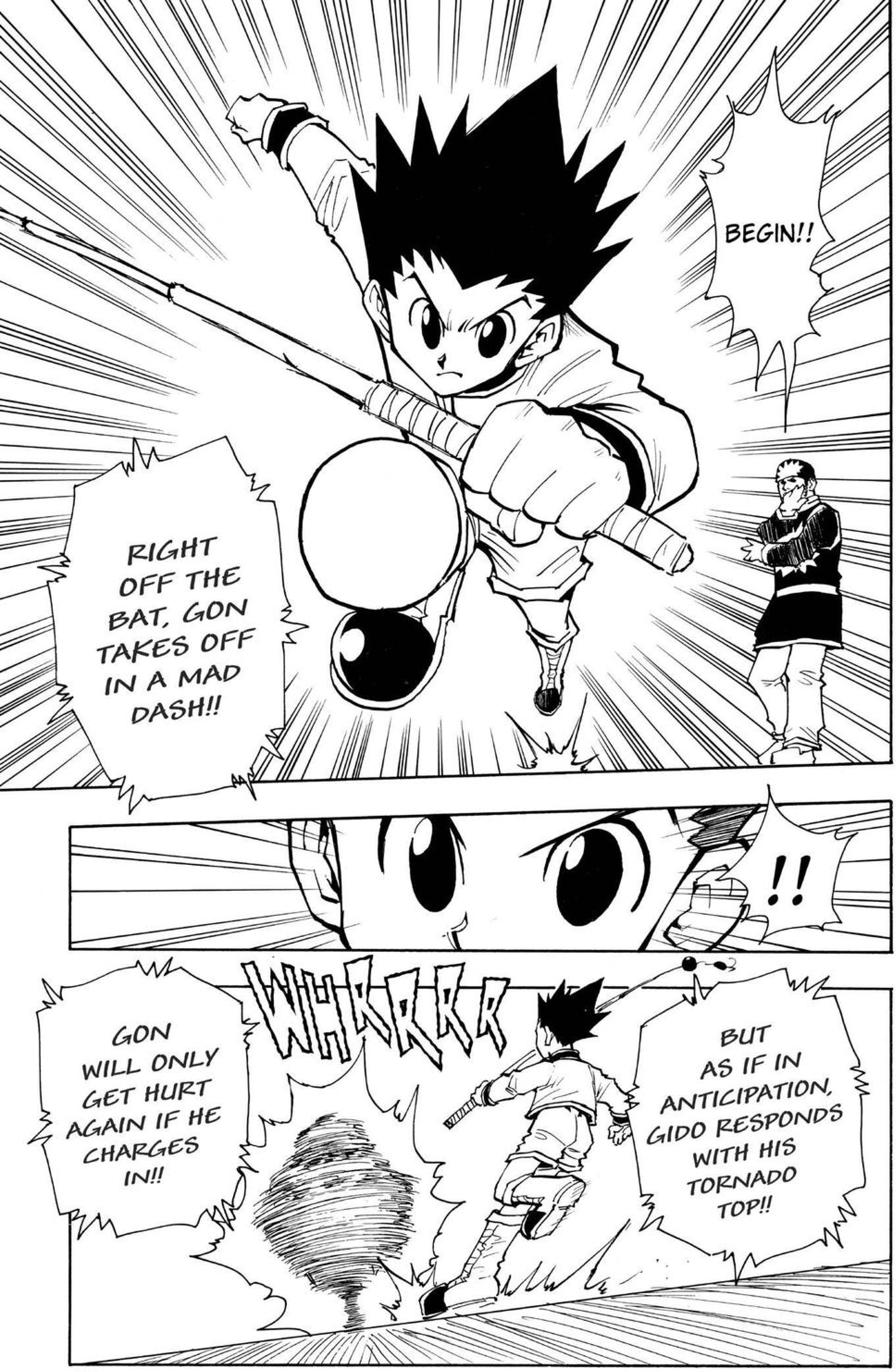

HE THRIVES IN SHADOWS.
HIS EYES ARE THOSE OF A PREDATOR— AND HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WAS THE PREY.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT THEY'RE KIDS AND NOTHING MORE.
I'M OUTTA HERE. I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
BE CAREFUL. YOU GUYS WILL BE NEXT.
...
CLIK
NOW WHAT?
I DON'T CARE!!
WE'RE SO CLOSE TO BEING FLOOR MASTERS.
ONCE THAT TITLE'S IN HAND, WE CAN DITCH THIS PLACE.
THE LECTURE AND TEACHING GIGS ALONE WILL BRING US EASY MONEY FOR LIFE.

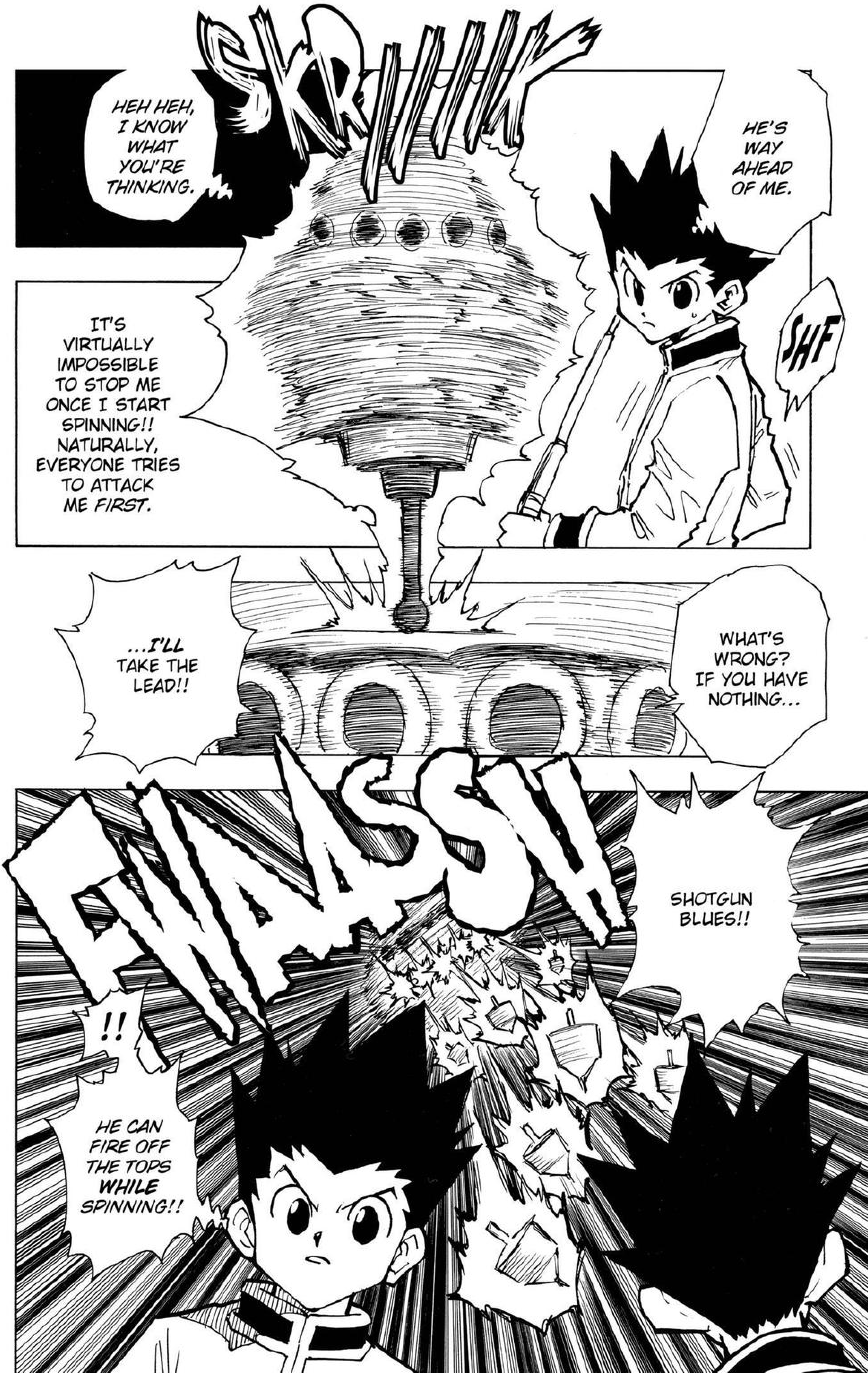

I BET HE DIDN'T COME TO THREATEN ME BECAUSE HE WAS WARY ABOUT ABILITIES HE DIDN'T KNOW.
WE CAN STILL DO THIS AS LONG AS WE'RE CAREFUL.
WRONG.
!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR ABILITIES ARE.
I JUST FIGURED I COULD WARN YOU AT ANY TIME.
...?!
YOU'LL NEVER BE SAFE, ANYWHERE.
EVEN WHILE YOU'RE SLEEPING, OR SITTING ON THE JOHN...
BE SURE TO PLAY BY THE RULES.
ONCE NO HOLDS ARE BARRED, ***WE'RE*** THE ONES WHO'LL BENEFIT THE MOST.

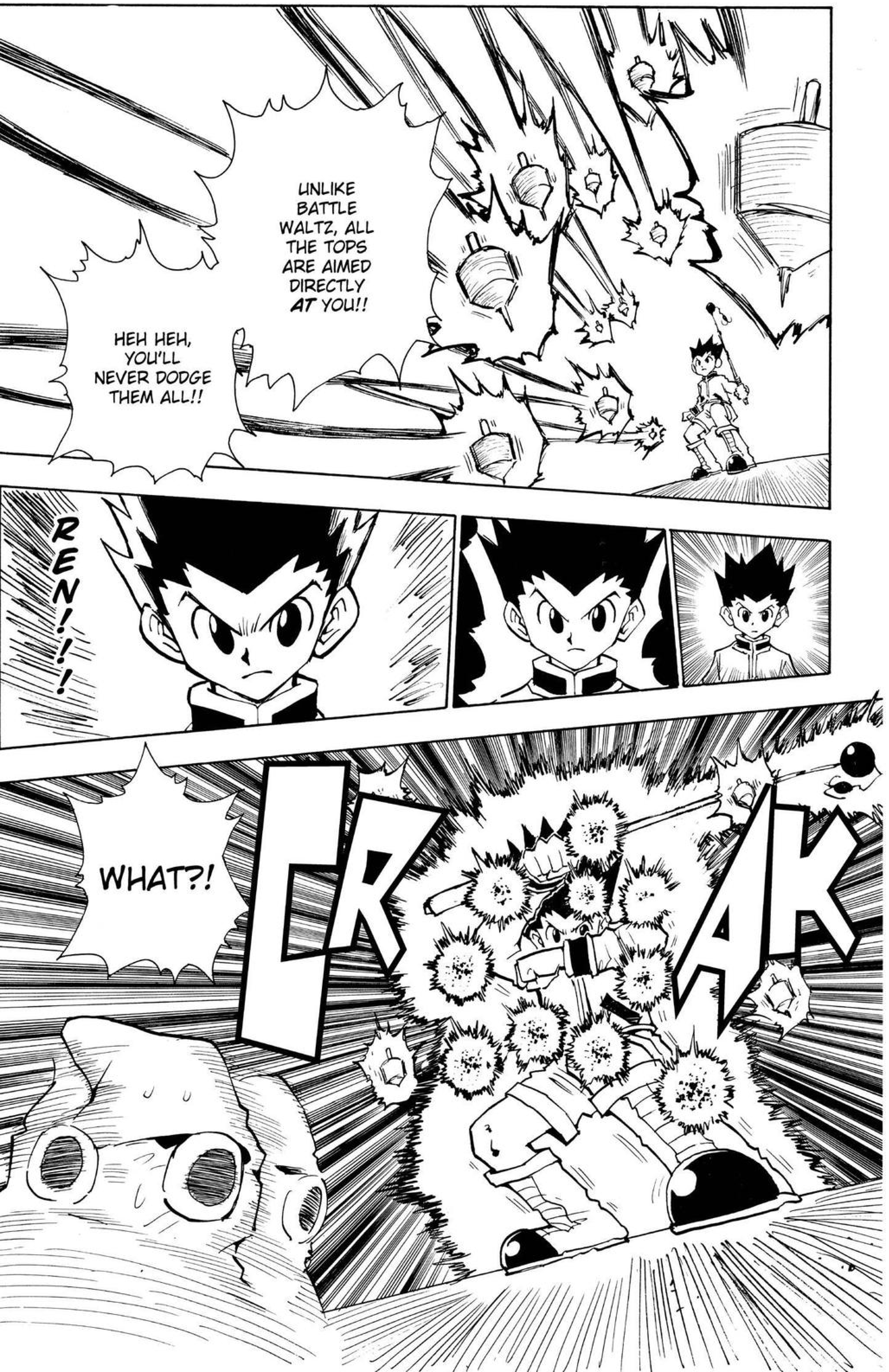

SLAM
...
HEH.
HEH HEH HEH.
CHEATING IS WRONG! FAIR AND SQUARE IS THE WAY TO GO!!
YEAH...
うっ…
…えーん

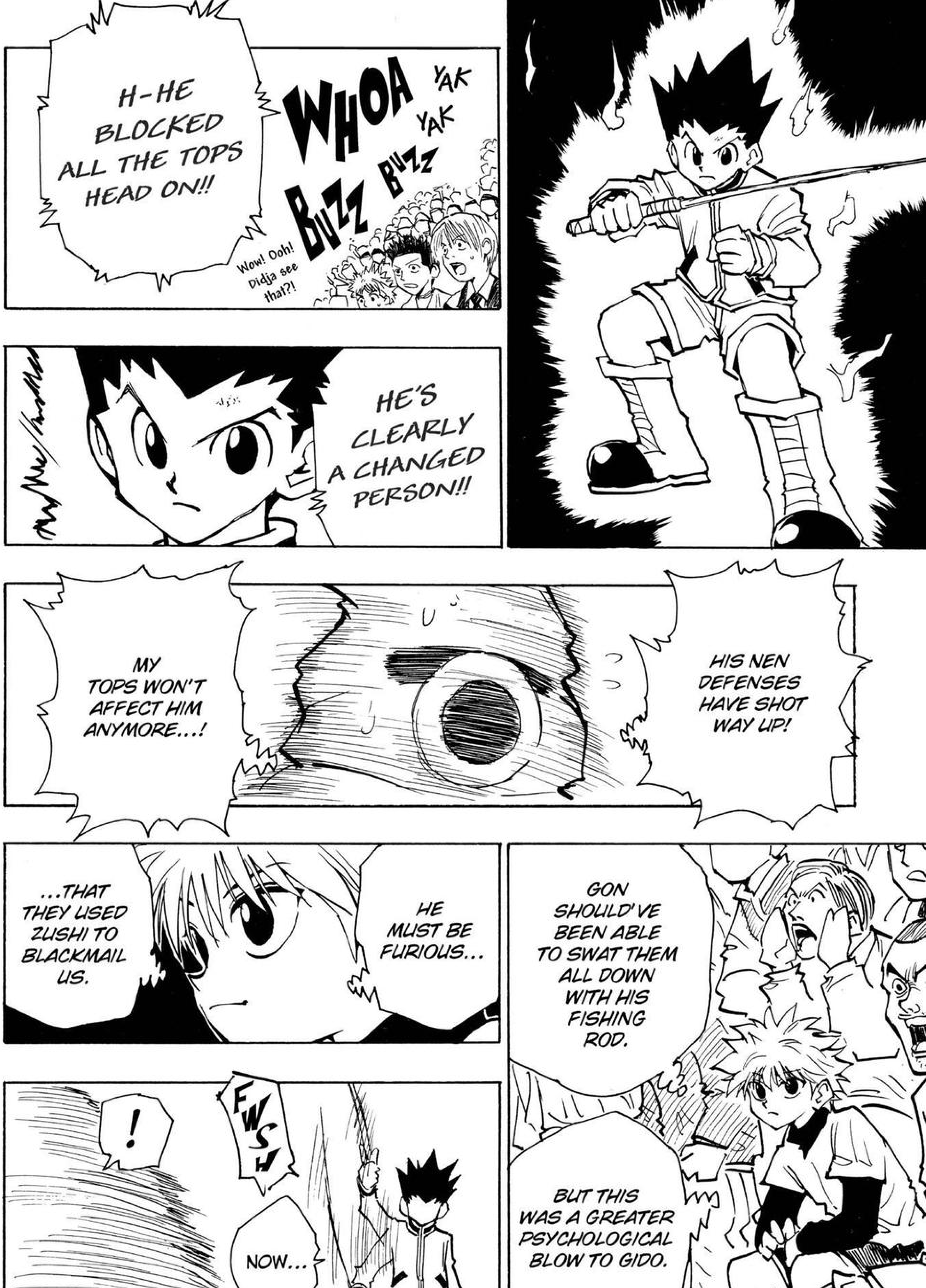

YOU BOTH HAVE MATCHES TODAY. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
GOOD!
GON, SINCE YOU'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE, YOU WON'T NEED MY ADVICE.
DO YOU HAVE A STRATEGY?
YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
MY PLAN WAS...
...TO USE *THAT.*
A FISHING ROD?
I SEE...

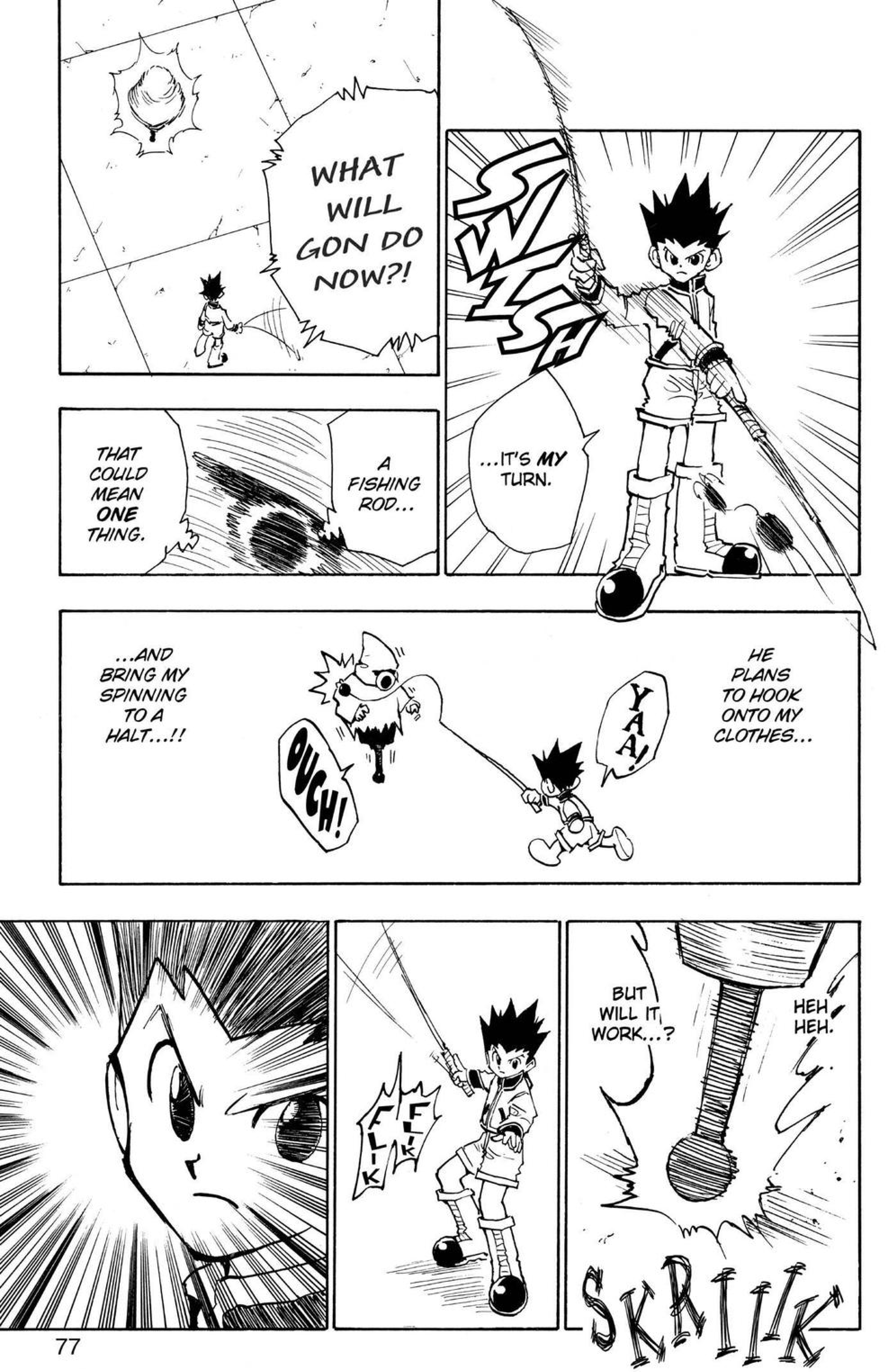

THE REMATCH YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!! GIDO VS. GON!!
GON WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL THE LAST TIME THEY FACED EACH OTHER IN MARCH!!
HE'S HERE TODAY WITH A FISHING ROD!!
WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?!
THE WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY POINTS OR A KO!! NO TIME LIMIT!!

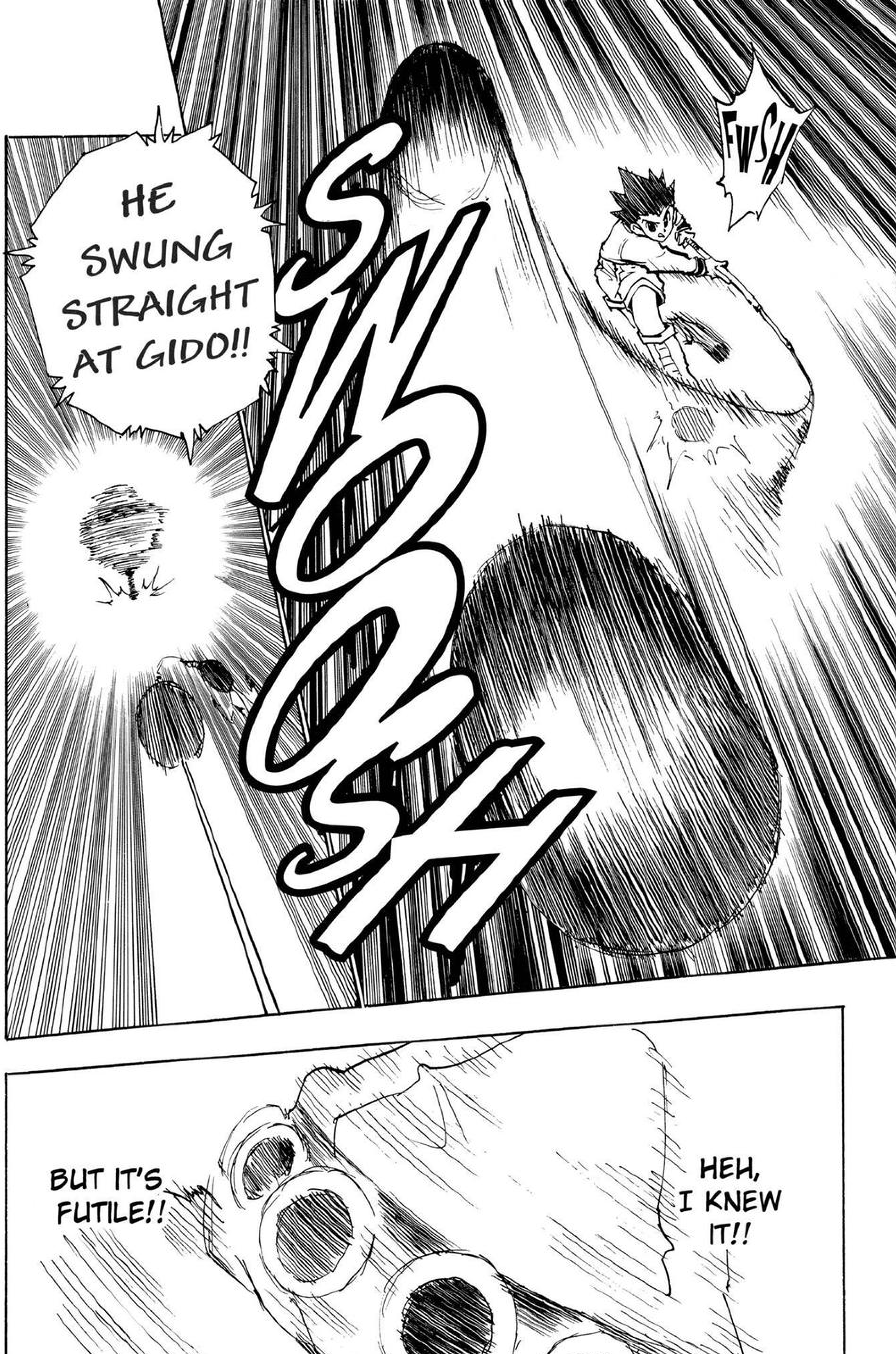

BEGIN!!
RIGHT OFF THE BAT, GON TAKES OFF IN A MAD DASH!!
!!
BUT AS IF IN ANTICIPATION, GIDO RESPONDS WITH HIS TORNADO TOP!!
WHRRRR
GON WILL ONLY GET HURT AGAIN IF HE CHARGES IN!!


HE'S WAY AHEAD OF ME.
SKRIIIIIK
HEH HEH, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
SHF
IT'S VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP ME ONCE I START SPINNING!! NATURALLY, EVERYONE TRIES TO ATTACK ME *FIRST*.
WHAT'S WRONG? IF YOU HAVE NOTHING...
...**I'LL** TAKE THE LEAD!!
SHOTGUN BLUES!!
FWASSH
!!
HE CAN FIRE OFF THE TOPS **WHILE** SPINNING!!

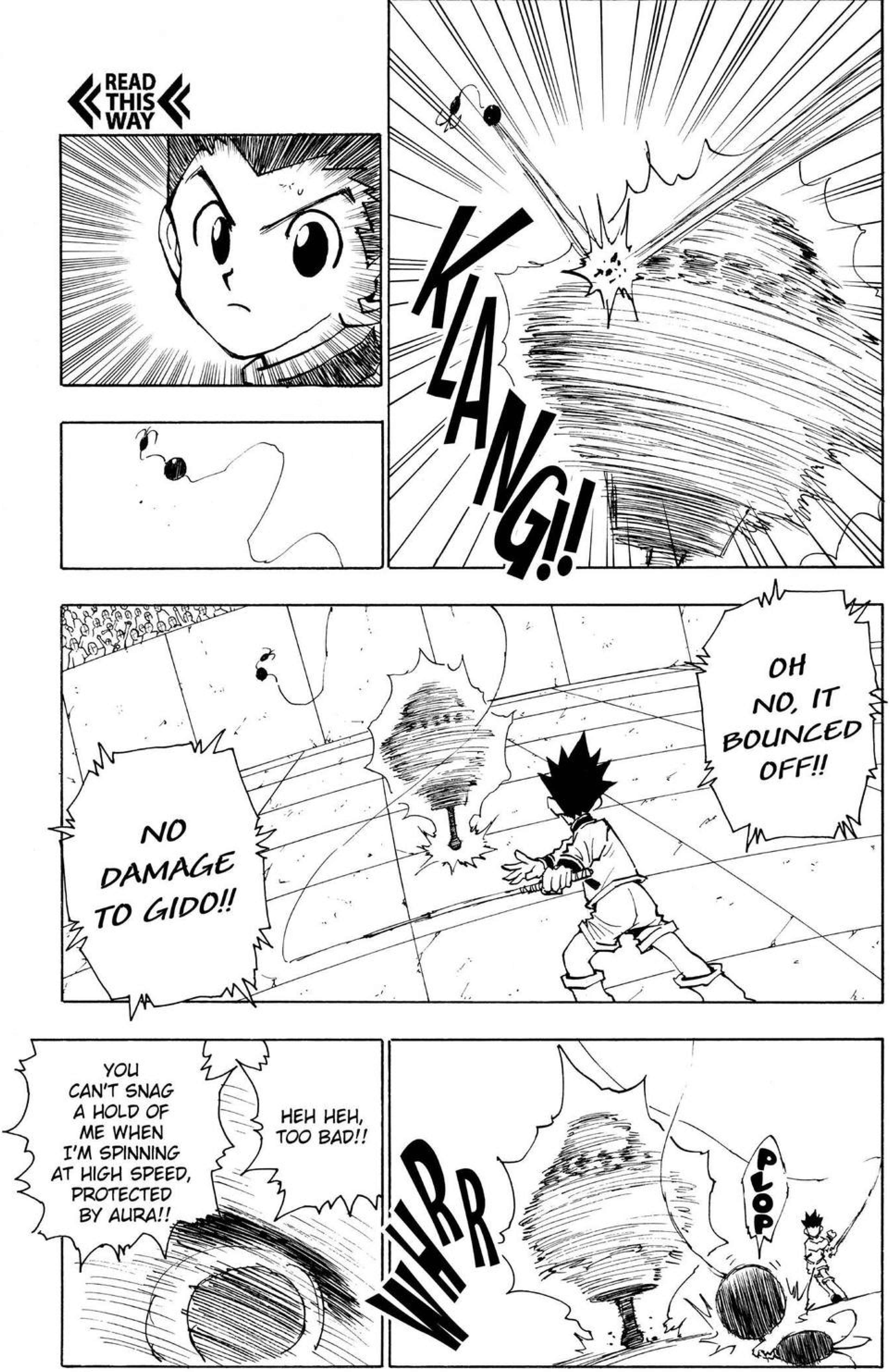

UNLIKE BATTLE WALTZ, ALL THE TOPS ARE AIMED DIRECTLY *AT* YOU!!
HEH HEH, YOU'LL NEVER DODGE THEM ALL!!
REN!!!
WHAT?!
CRAK

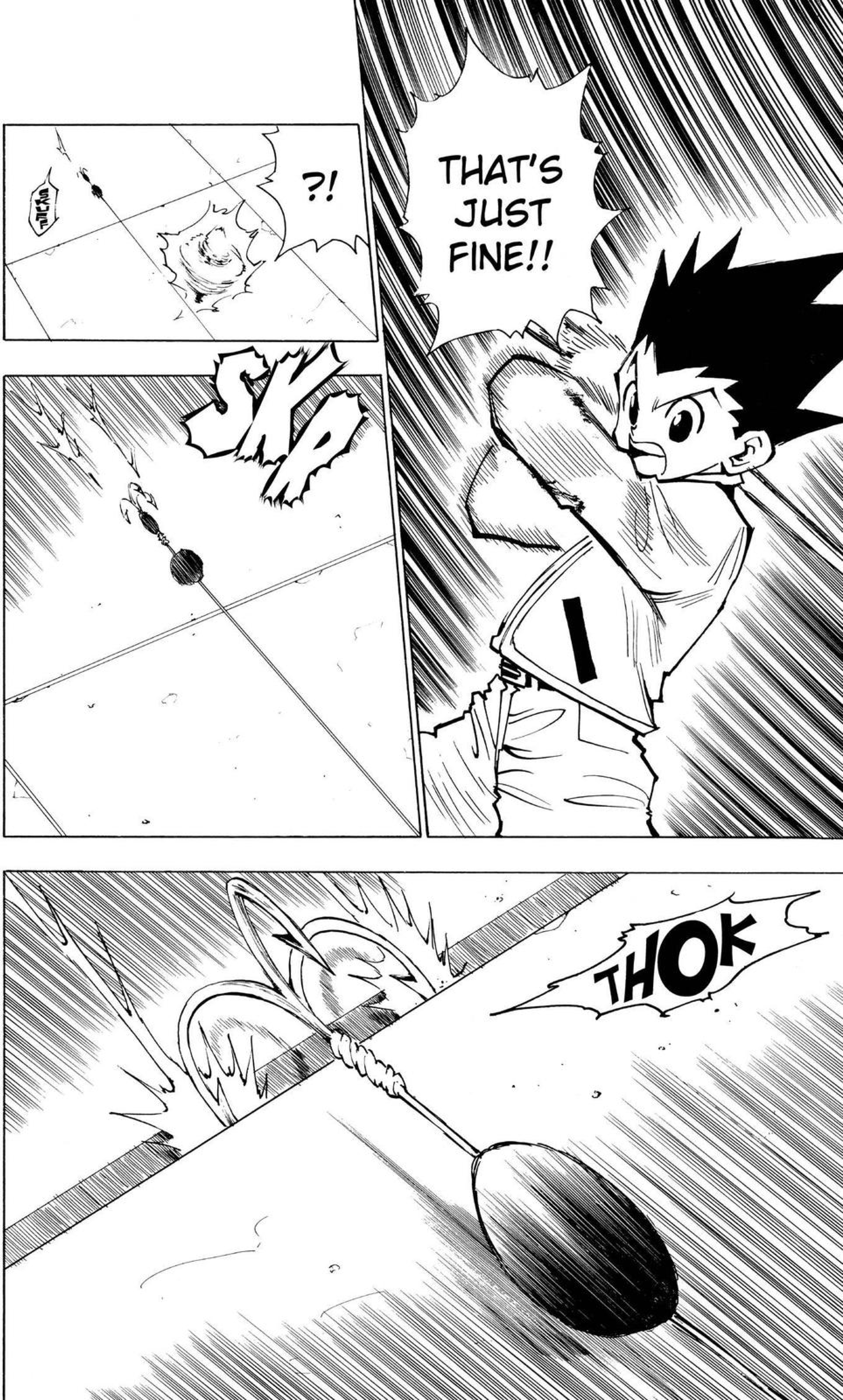

H-HE BLOCKED ALL THE TOPS HEAD ON!!
WHOA
YAK YAK
BUZZ BUZZ
Wow! Ooh! Didja see that?!
HE'S CLEARLY A CHANGED PERSON!!
HIS NEN DEFENSES HAVE SHOT WAY UP!
MY TOPS WON'T AFFECT HIM ANYMORE...!
GON SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO SWAT THEM ALL DOWN WITH HIS FISHING ROD.
BUT THIS WAS A GREATER PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW TO GIDO.
HE MUST BE FURIOUS...
...THAT THEY USED ZUSHI TO BLACKMAIL US.
FWSH
!
NOW...

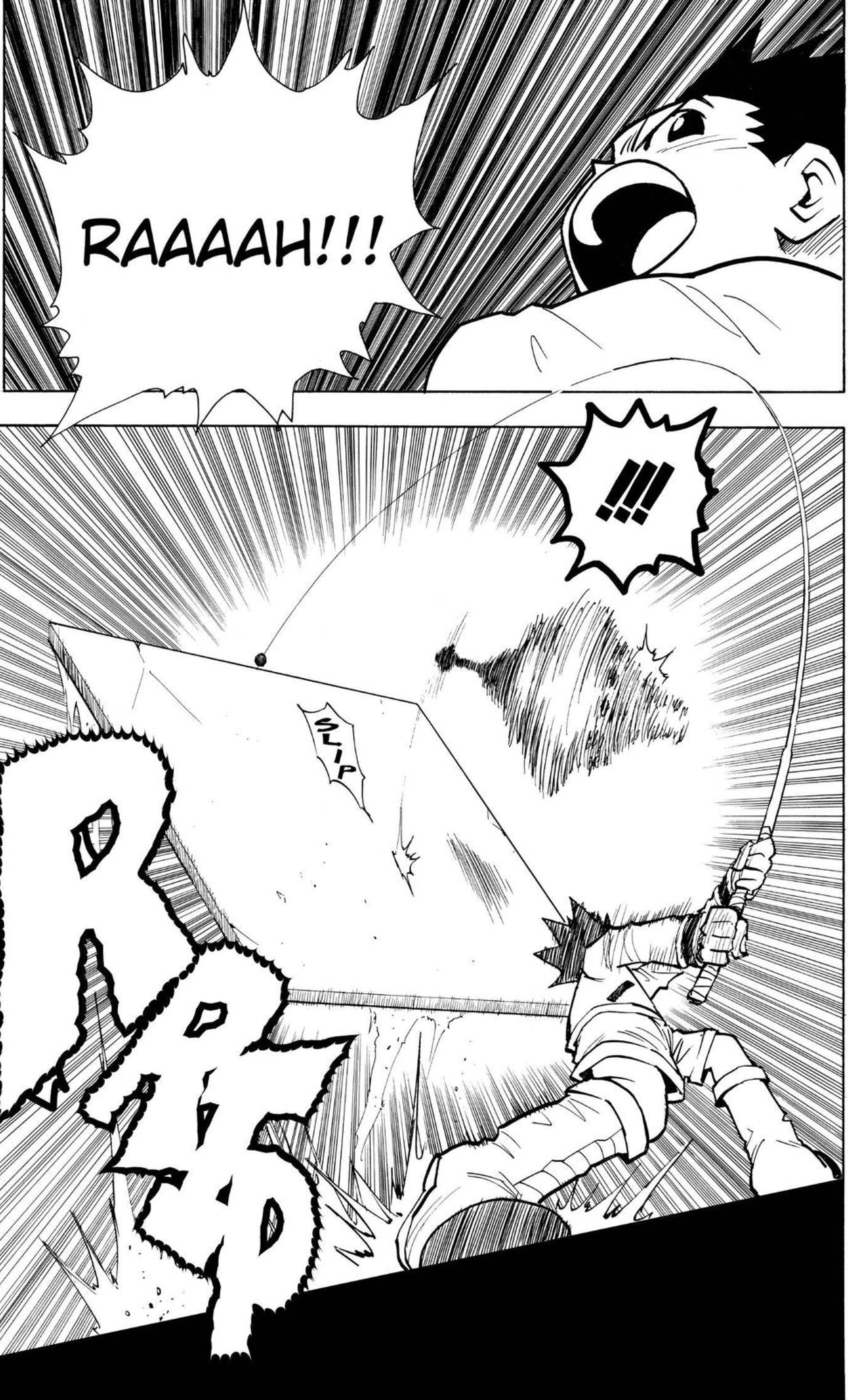

WHAT WILL GON DO NOW?!
SWISH
...IT'S MY TURN.
A FISHING ROD...
THAT COULD MEAN ONE THING.
HE PLANS TO HOOK ONTO MY CLOTHES...
YAA!
OUCH!
...AND BRING MY SPINNING TO A HALT...!!
SKRIIK
HEH HEH.
BUT WILL IT WORK...?
FLIK FLIK

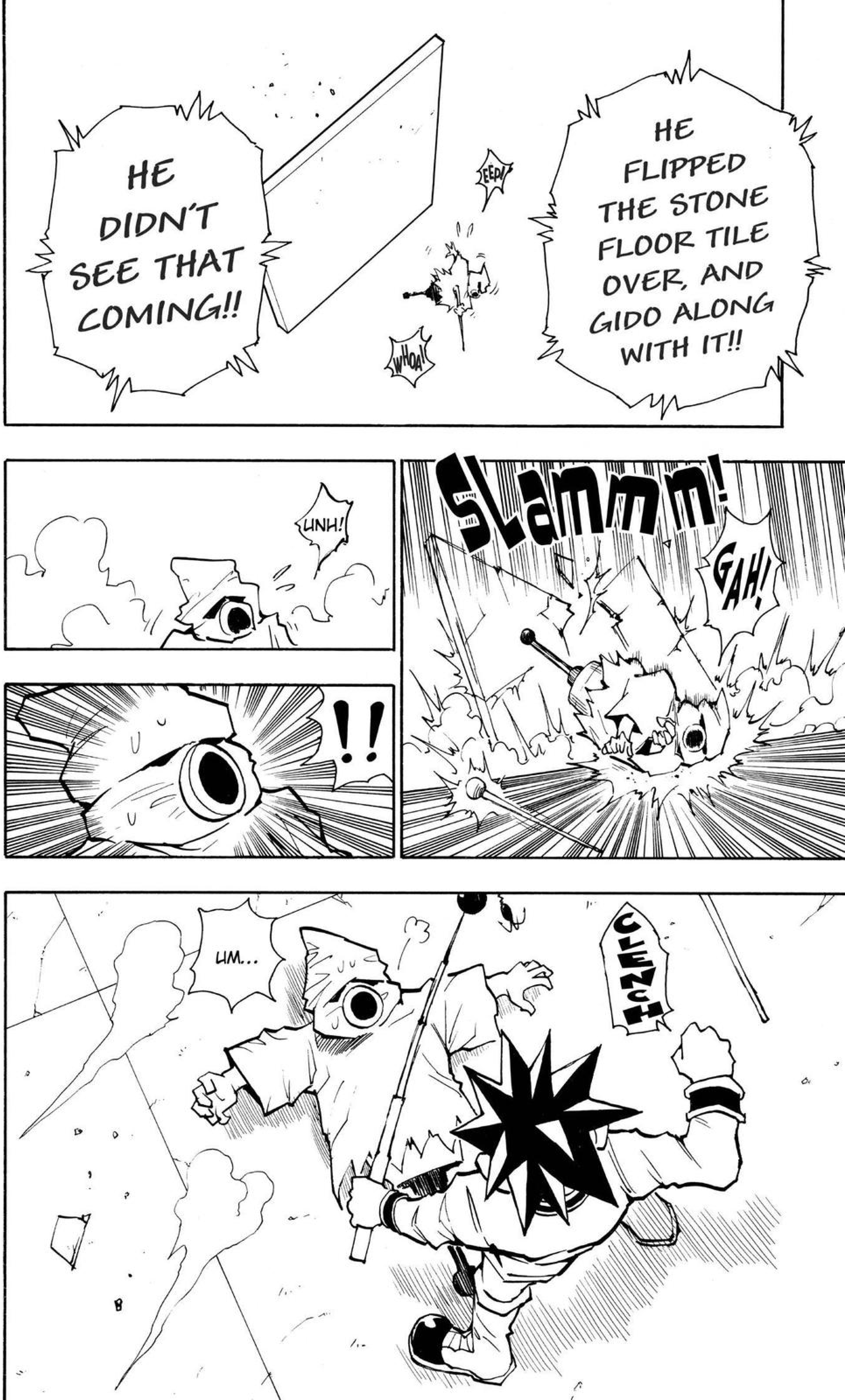

FWSH
SWOOSH
HE SWUNG STRAIGHT AT GIDO!!
HEH, I KNEW IT!!
BUT IT'S FUTILE!!

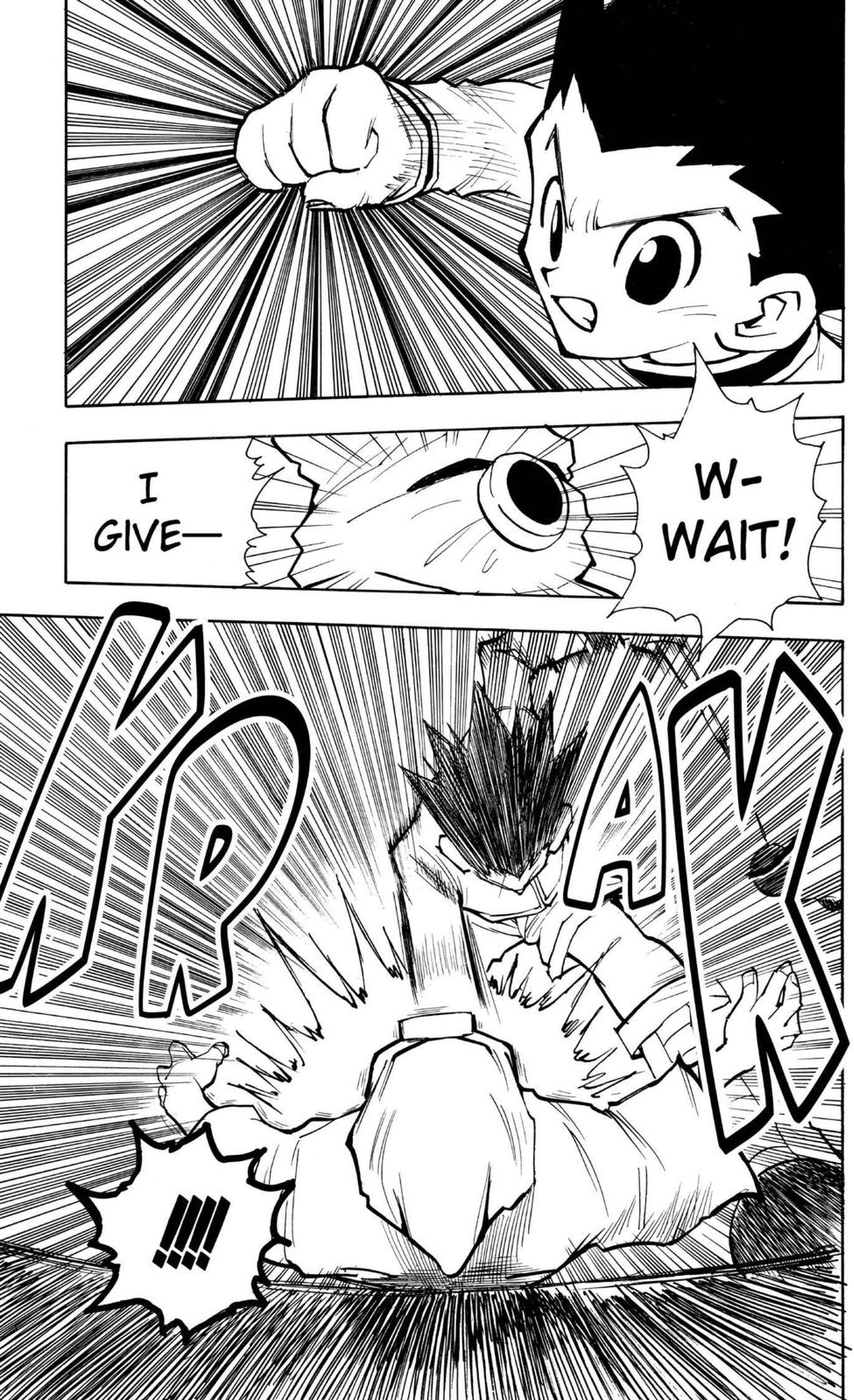
READ THIS WAY

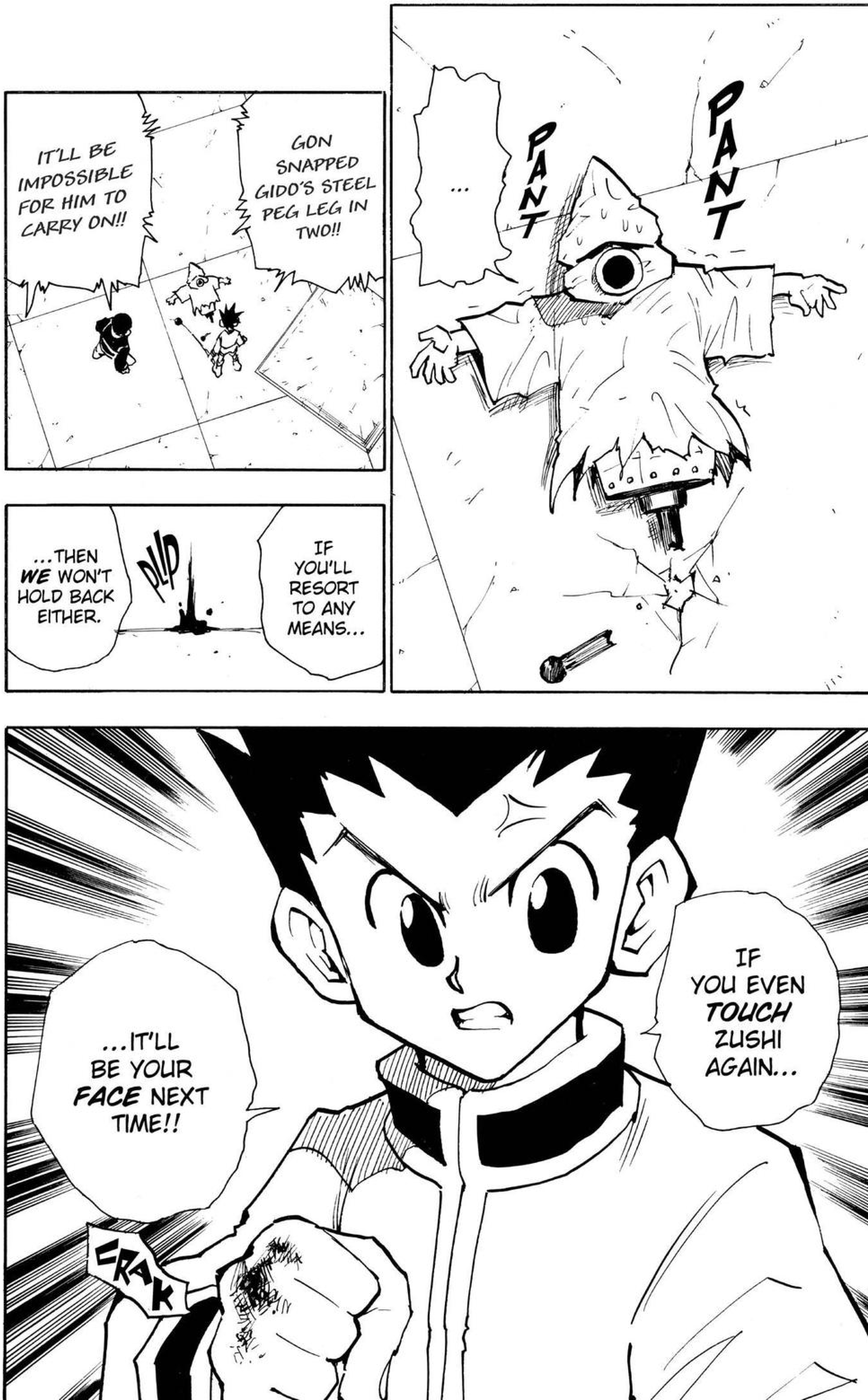

KLANG!!
OH NO, IT BOUNCED OFF!!
NO DAMAGE TO GIDO!!
PLOP
HEH HEH, TOO BAD!!
YOU CAN'T SNAG A HOLD OF ME WHEN I'M SPINNING AT HIGH SPEED, PROTECTED BY AURA!!
WHRR

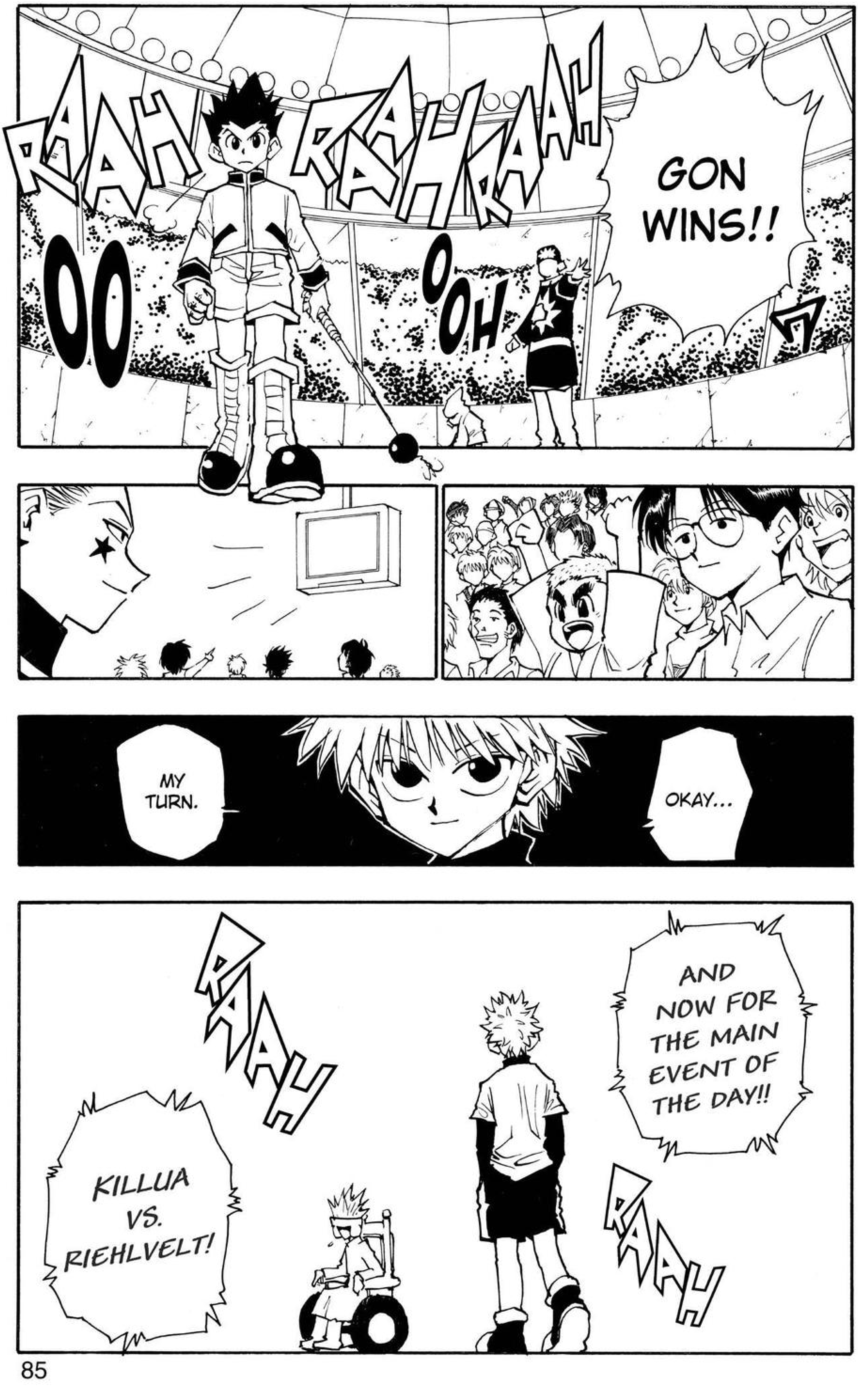

THAT'S JUST FINE!!
?!
SKUFF
SKP
THOK

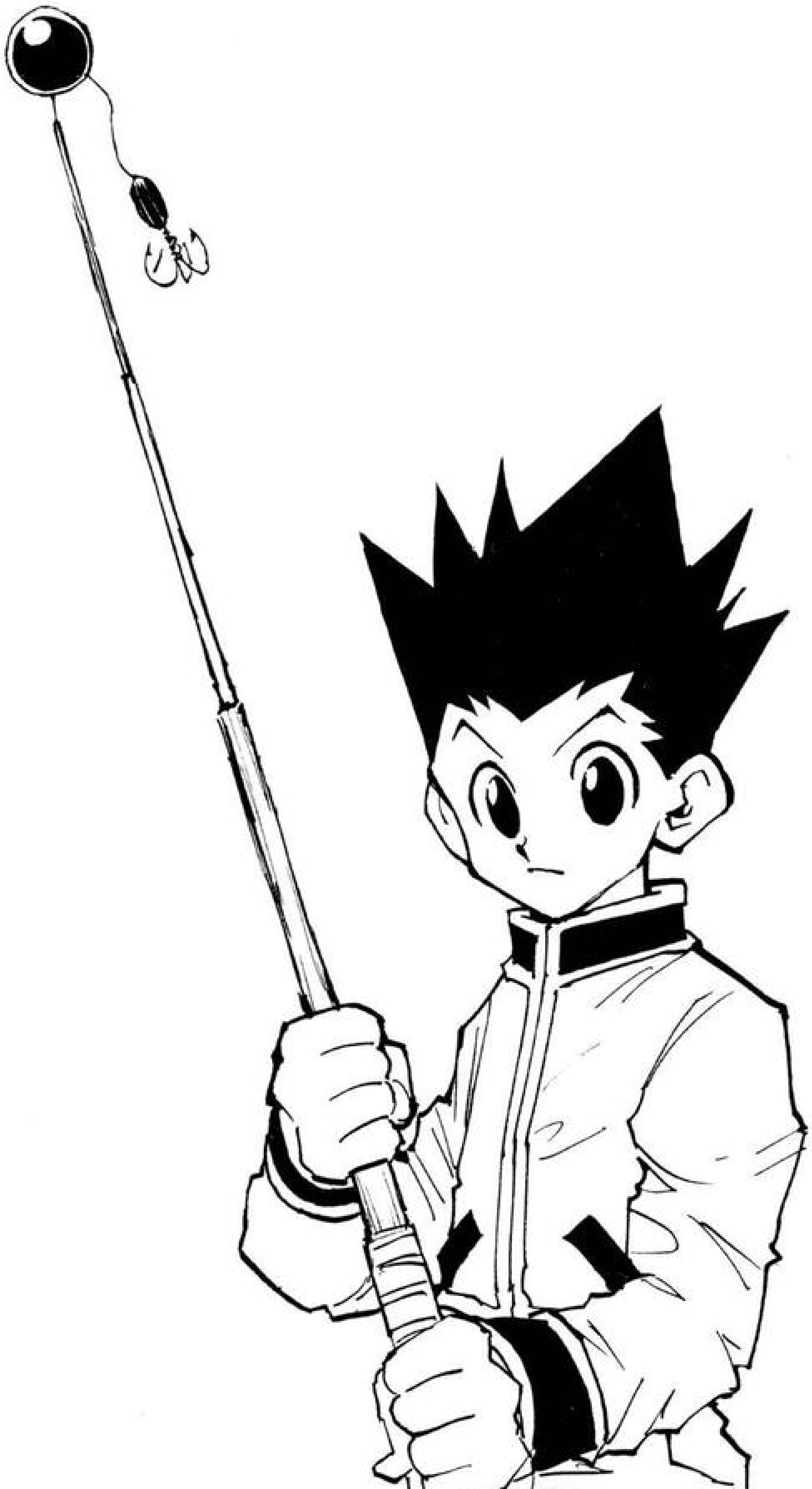

RAAAAH!!!
!!!
SLIP
RIP


HE FLIPPED THE STONE FLOOR TILE OVER, AND GIDO ALONG WITH IT!!
EEP!
WHOA!
HE DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!!
SLAMMM!
GAH!
UNH!
!!
CLENCH
UM...


W- WAIT!
I GIVE—
KRAK
!!!!


PANT PANT
...
GON SNAPPED GIDO'S STEEL PEG LEG IN TWO!!
IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CARRY ON!!
IF YOU'LL RESORT TO ANY MEANS...
PLIP
...THEN **WE** WON'T HOLD BACK EITHER.
IF YOU EVEN **TOUCH** ZUSHI AGAIN...
...IT'LL BE YOUR **FACE** NEXT TIME!!
CRAK


GON WINS!!
RAAH
OOH
RAH
RAH
OO
OKAY...
MY TURN.
AND NOW FOR THE MAIN EVENT OF THE DAY!!
RAAH
RAAH
KILLUA VS. RIEHLVELT!



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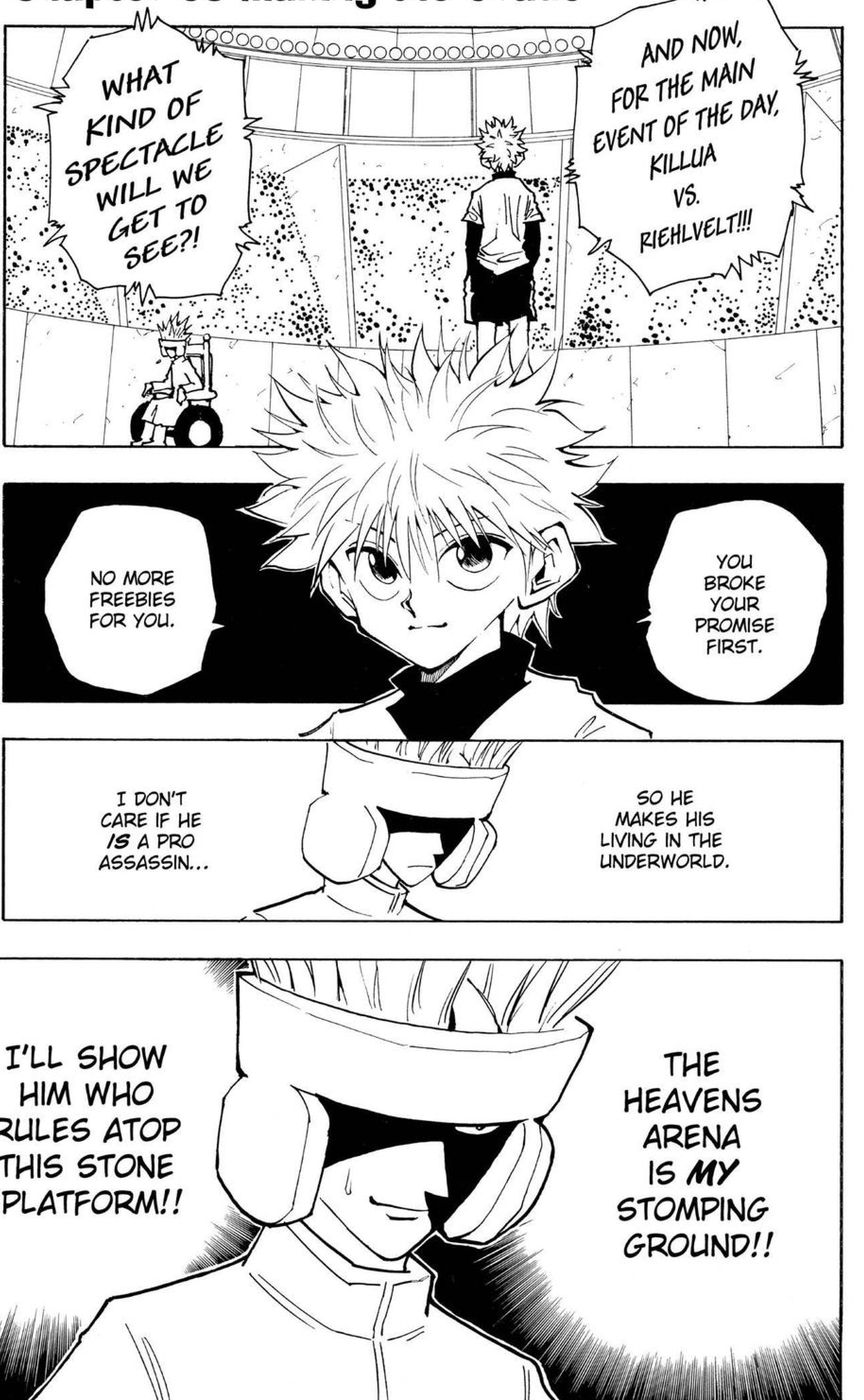
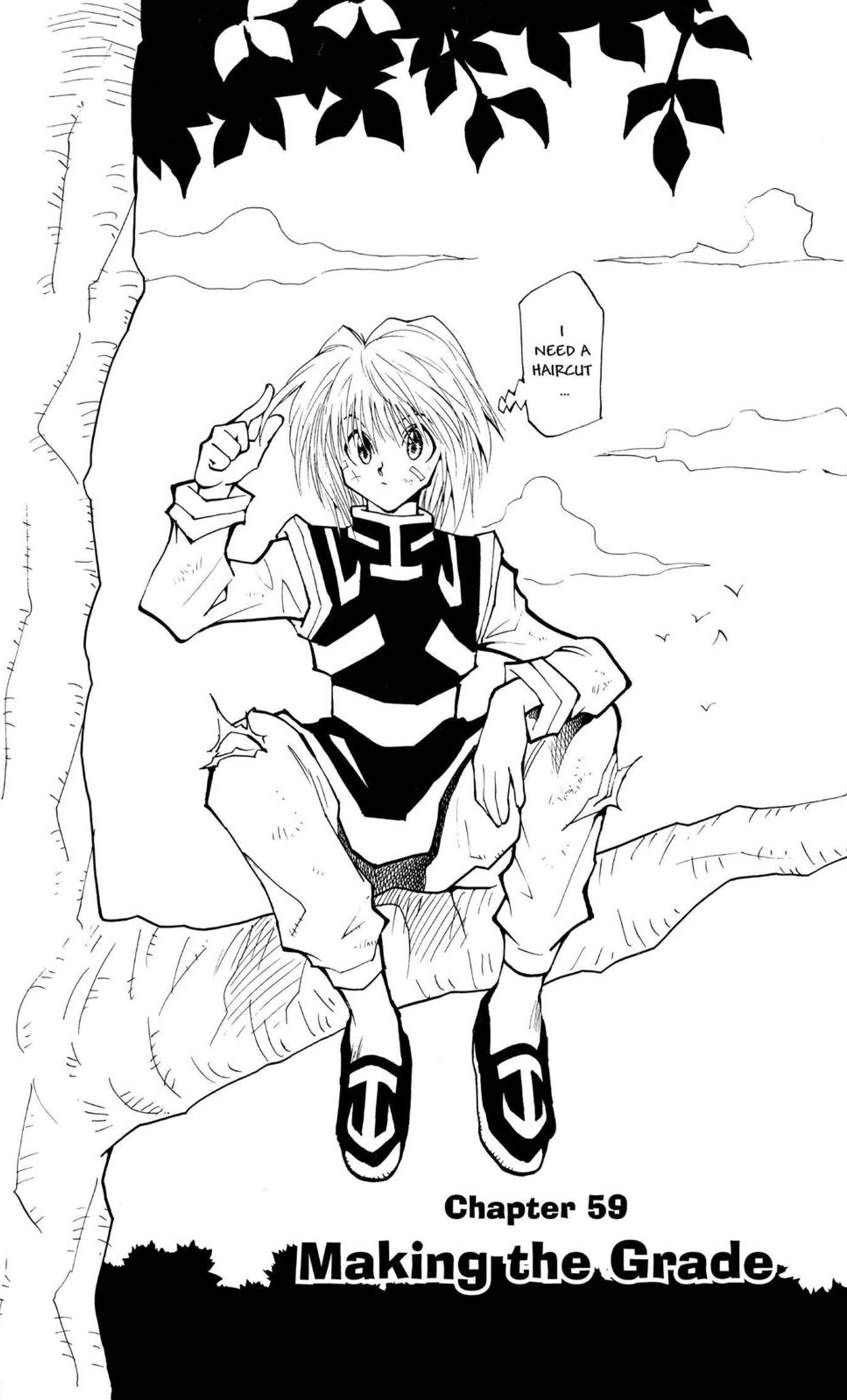

AND NOW, FOR THE MAIN EVENT OF THE DAY, KILLUA VS. RIEHLVELT!!!
WHAT KIND OF SPECTACLE WILL WE GET TO SEE?!
YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE FIRST.
NO MORE FREEBIES FOR YOU.
SO HE MAKES HIS LIVING IN THE UNDERWORLD.
I DON'T CARE IF HE *IS* A PRO ASSASSIN...
THE HEAVENS ARENA IS *MY* STOMPING GROUND!!
I'LL SHOW HIM WHO RULES ATOP THIS STONE PLATFORM!!


I NEED A HAIRCUT ...

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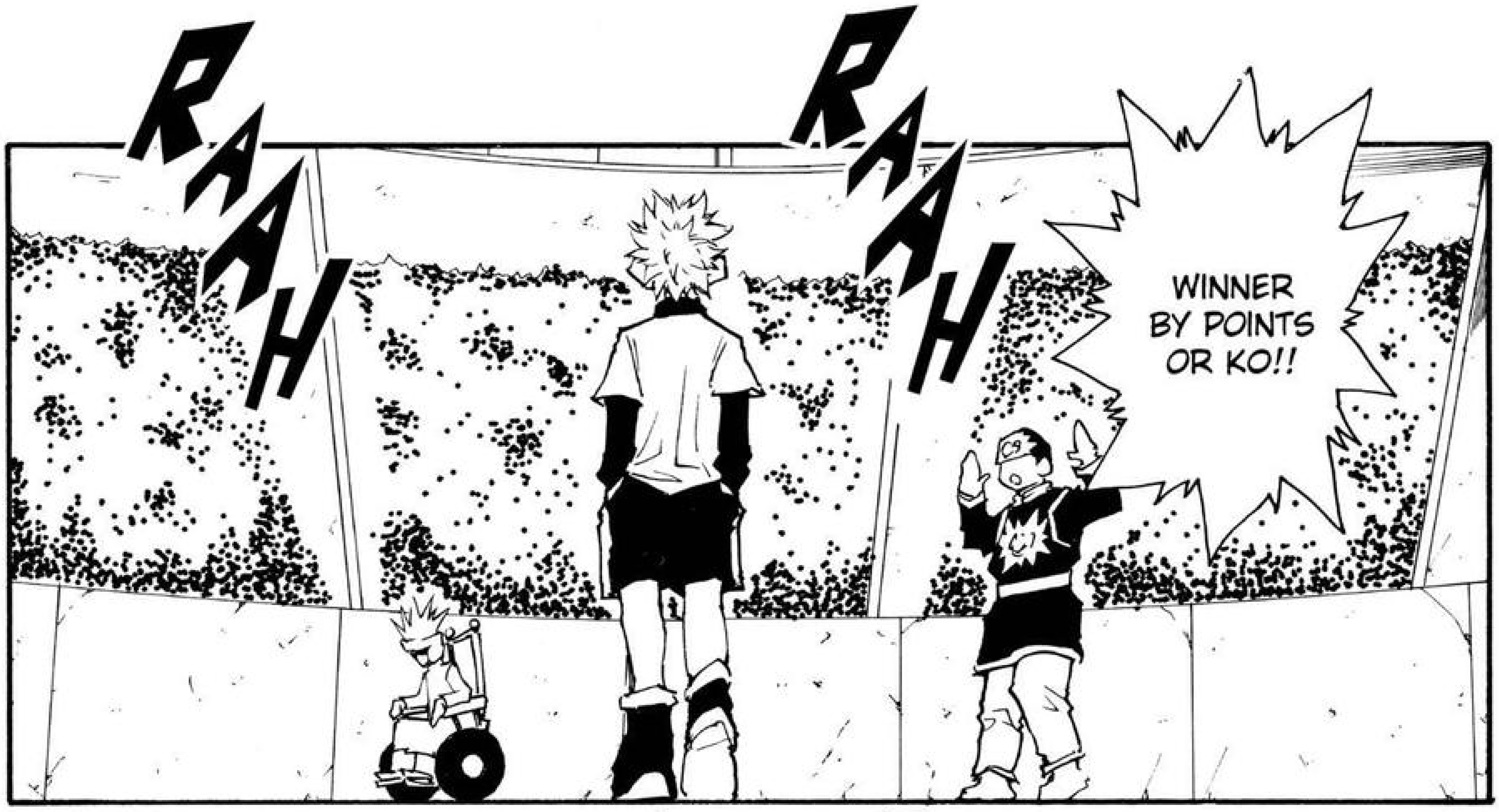
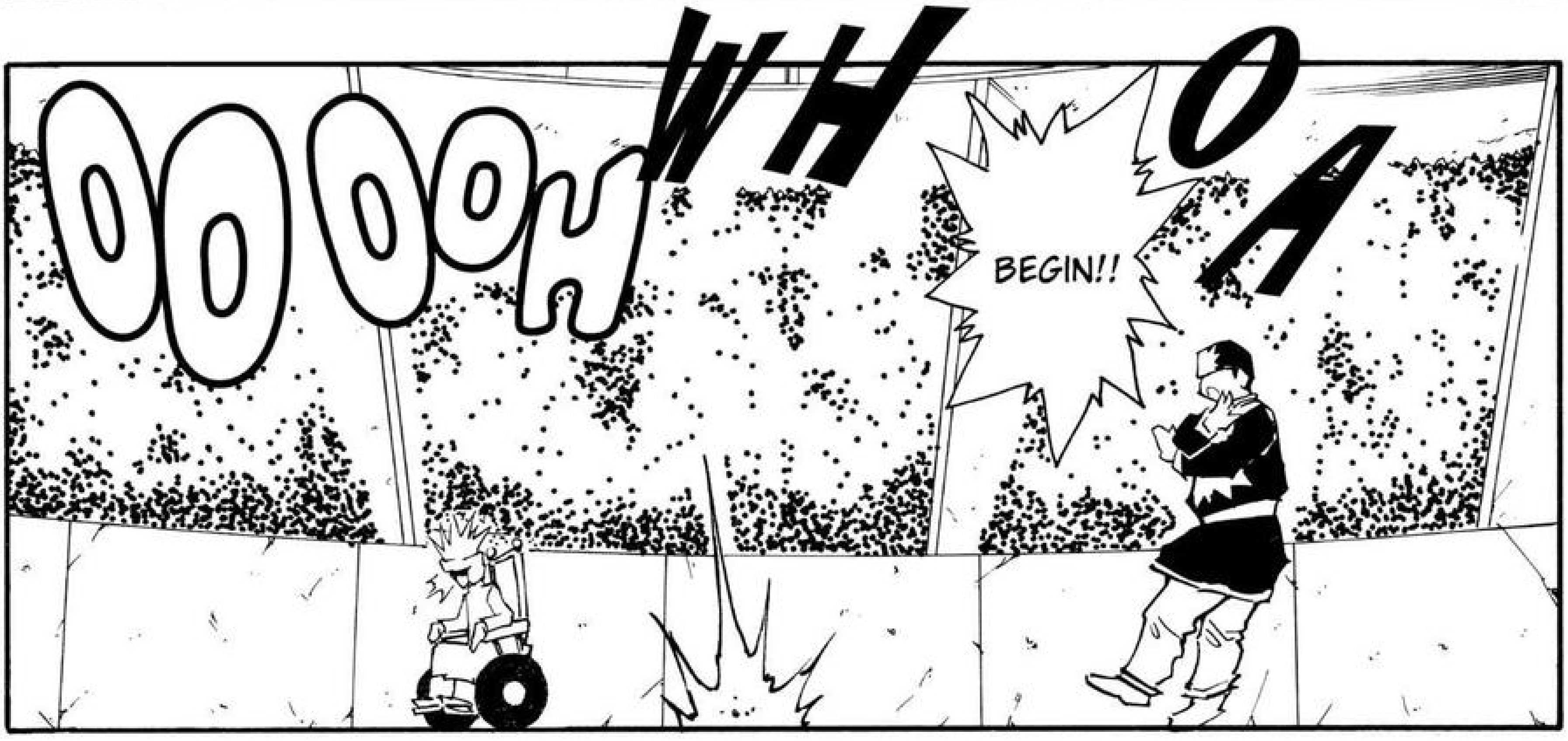
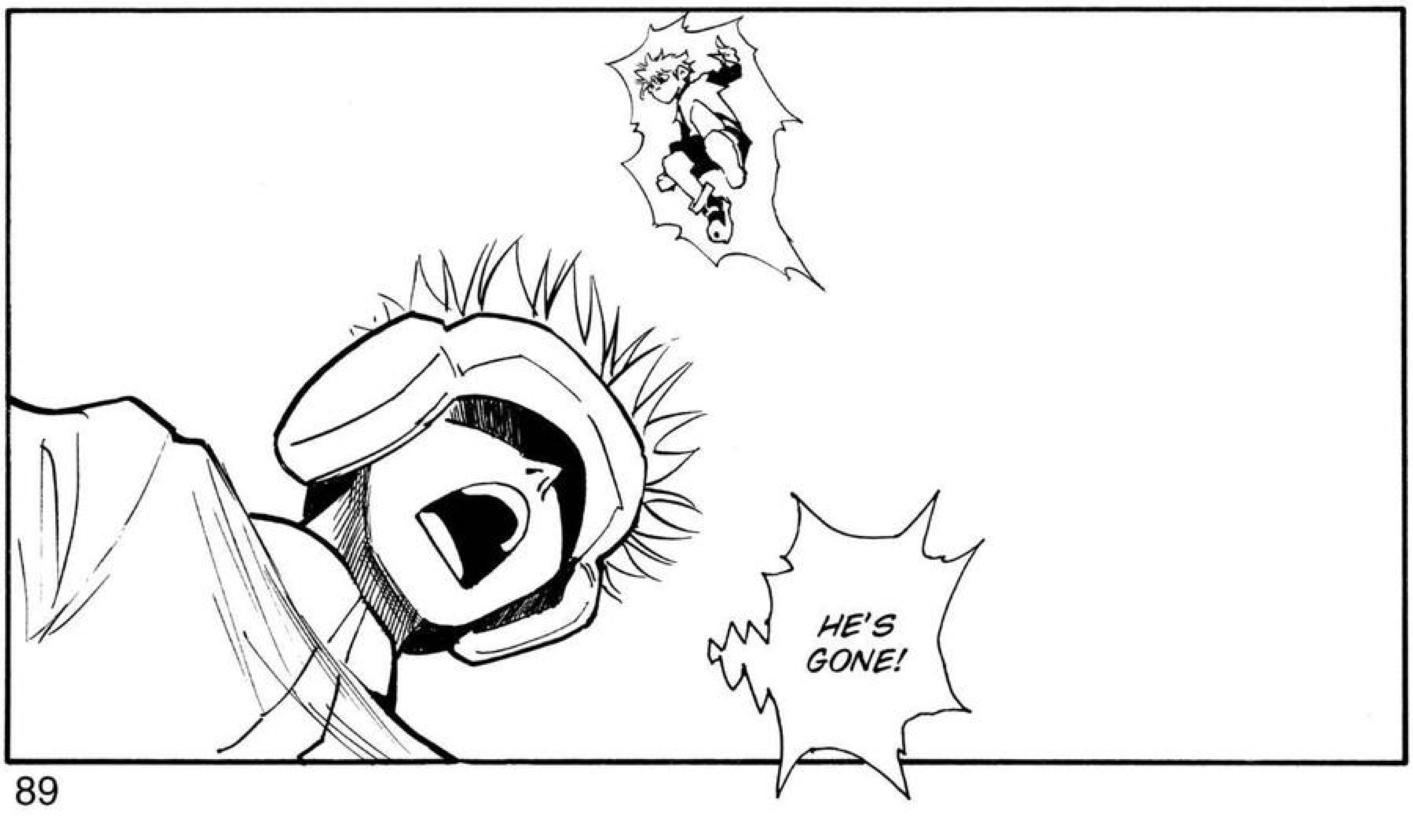
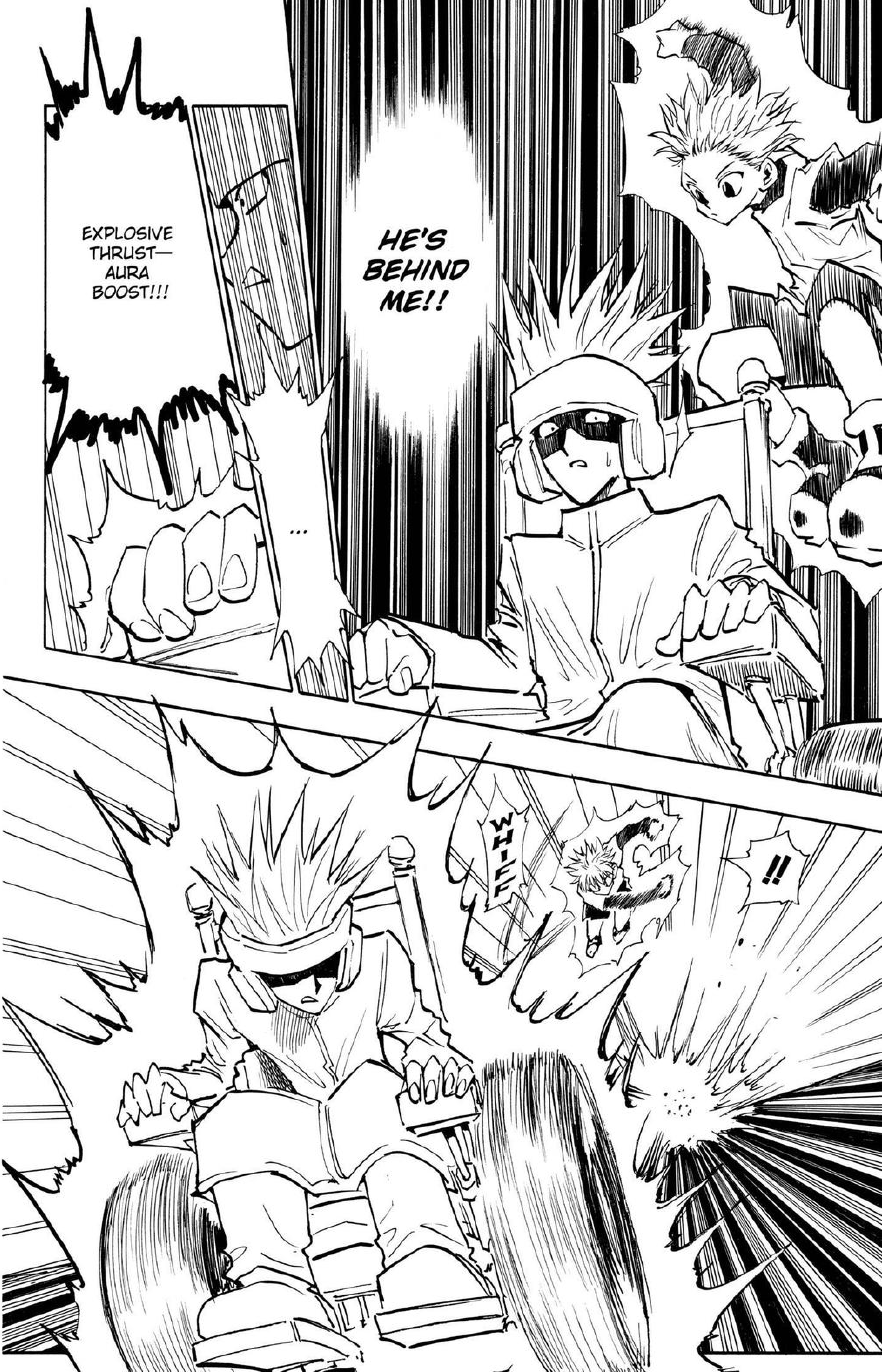
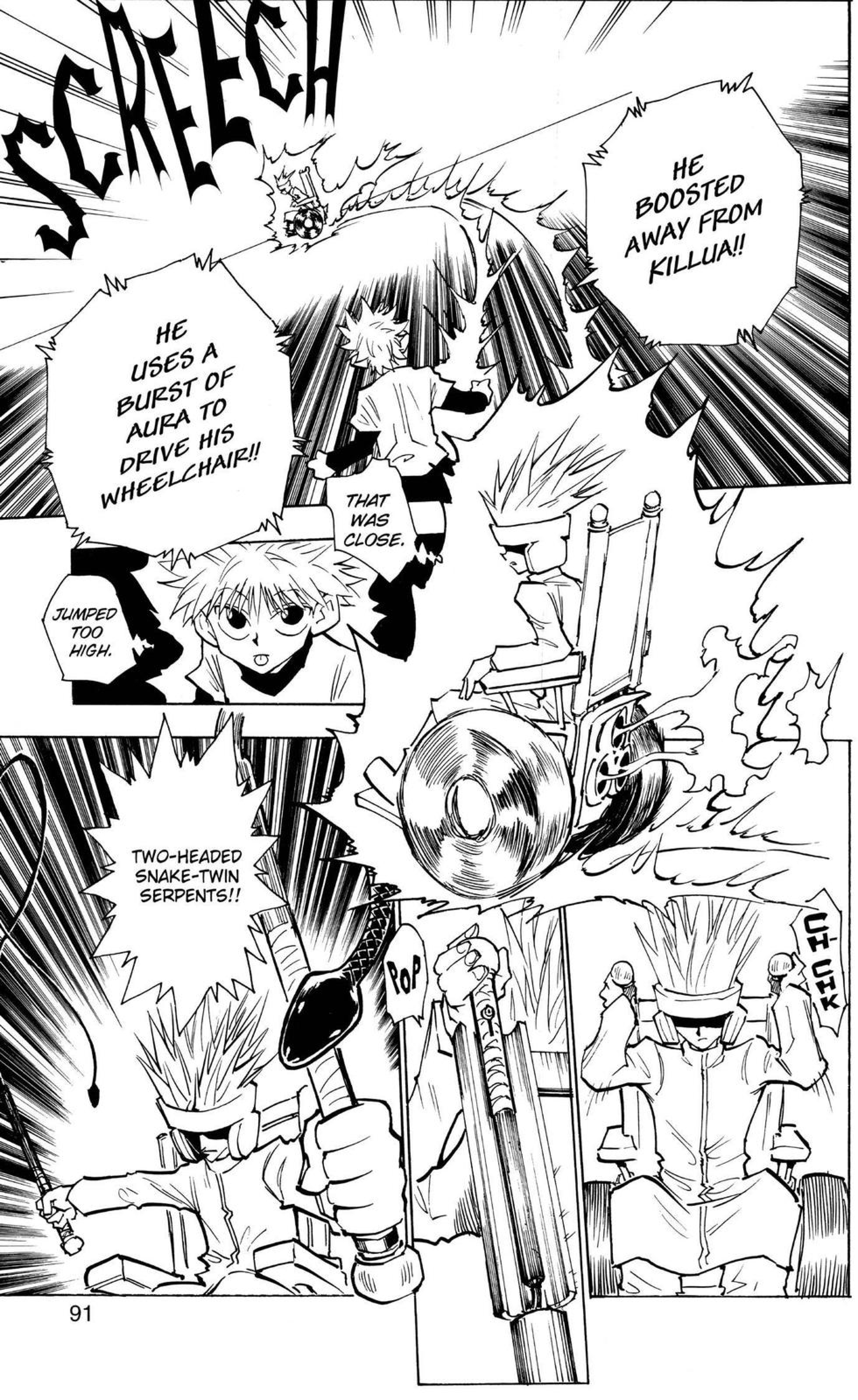
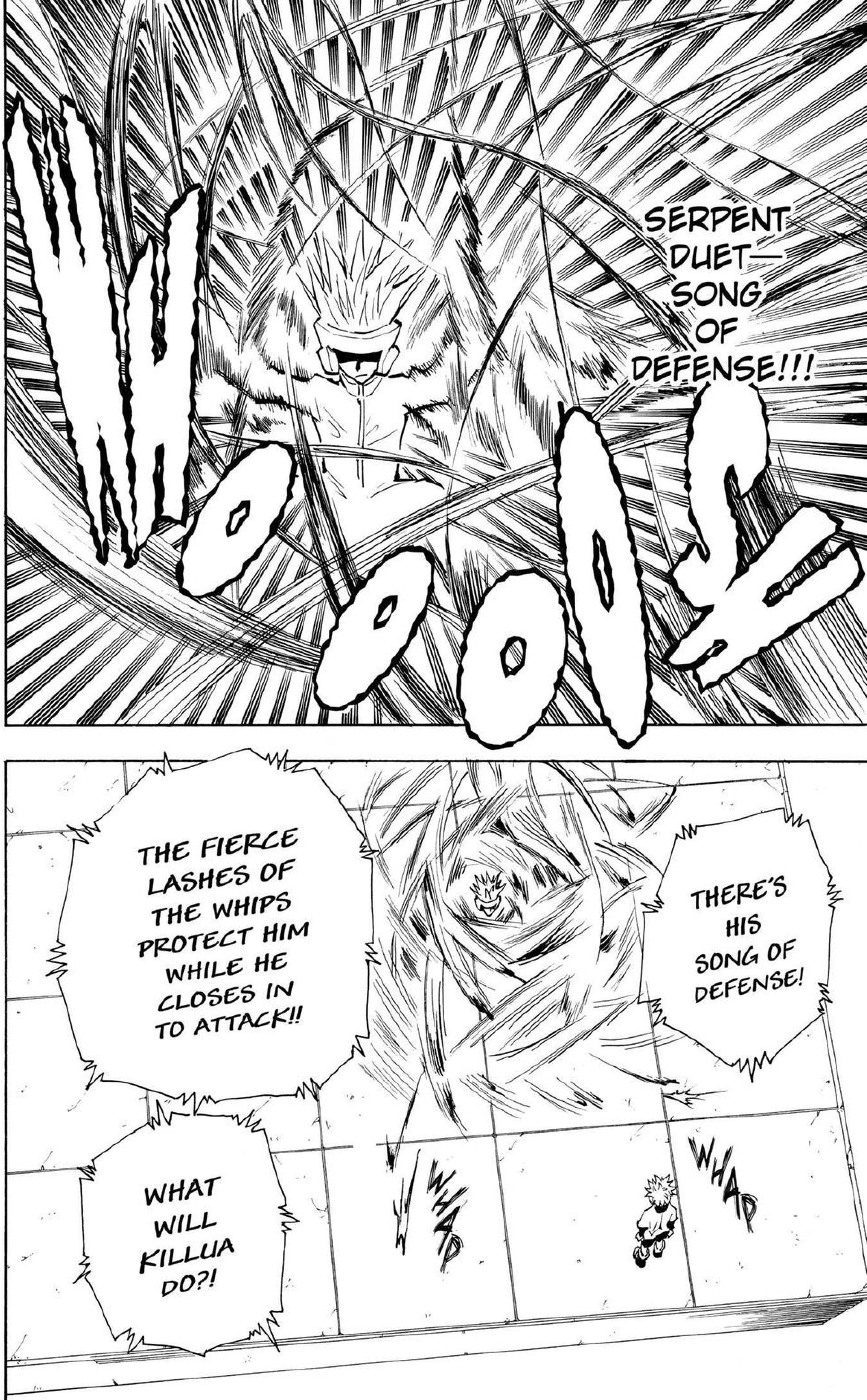

WINNER BY POINTS OR KO!!
RAAH
RAAH

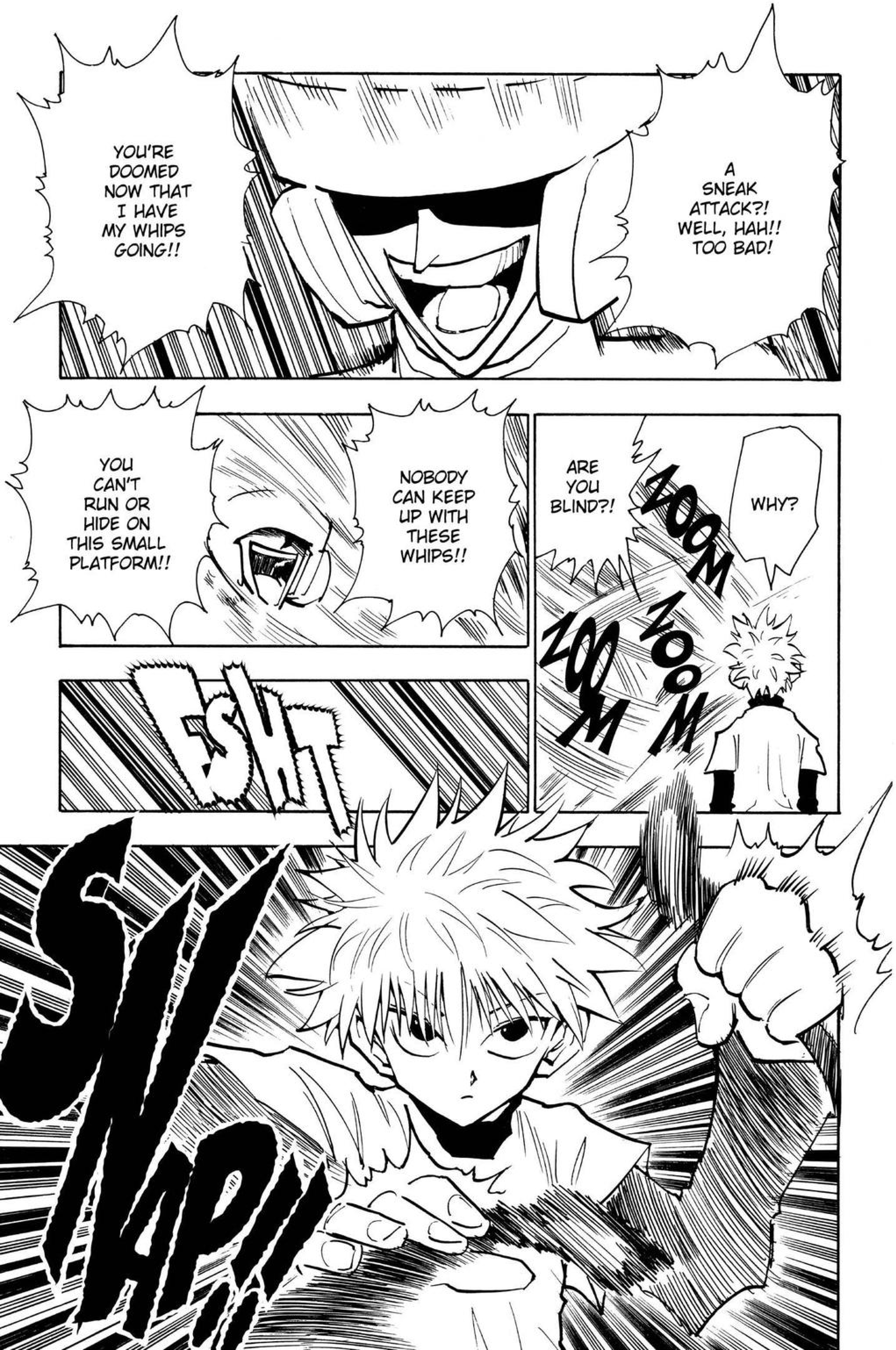

BEGIN!!
WHOA
OOOOH

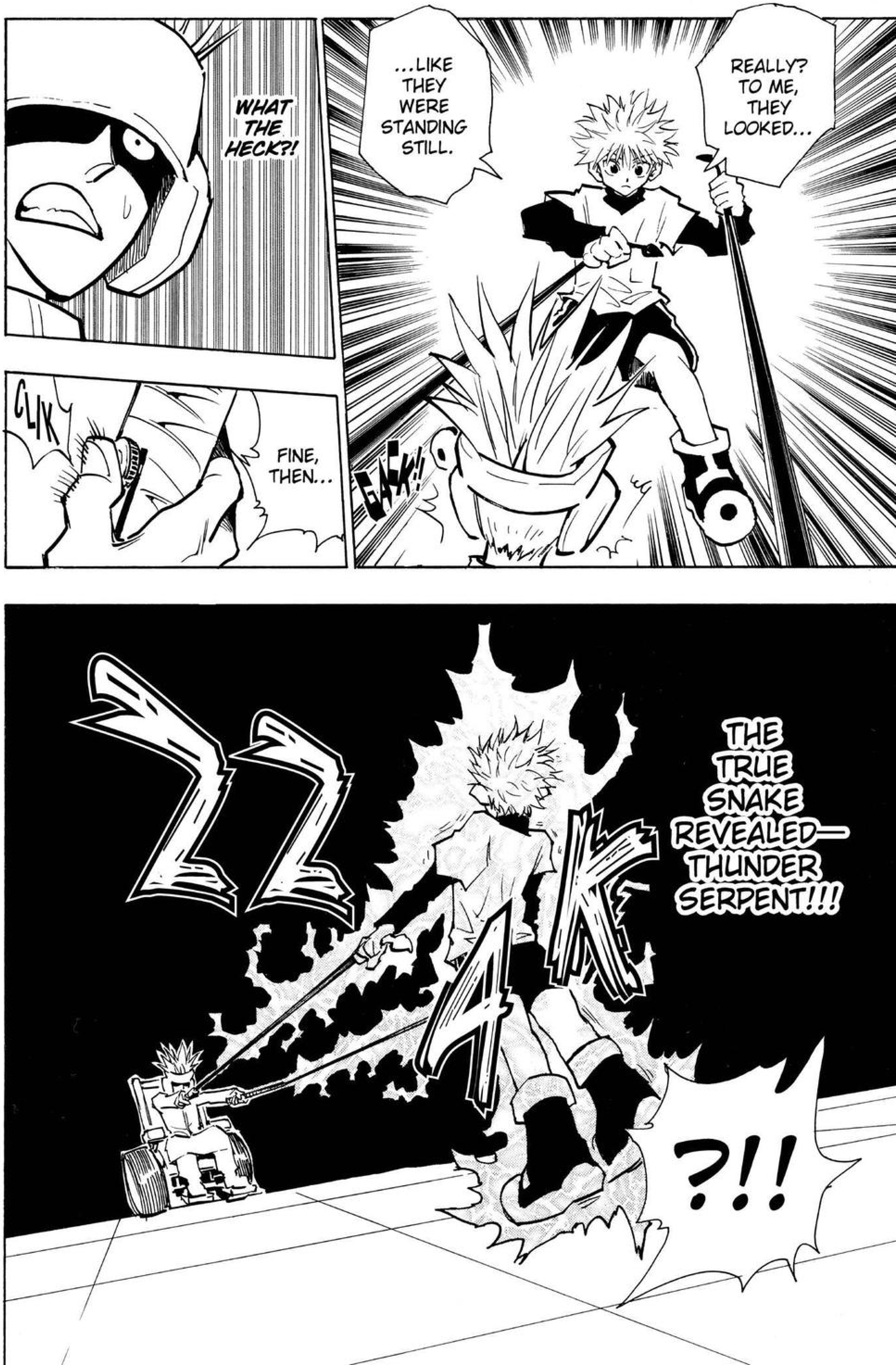

HE'S GONE!

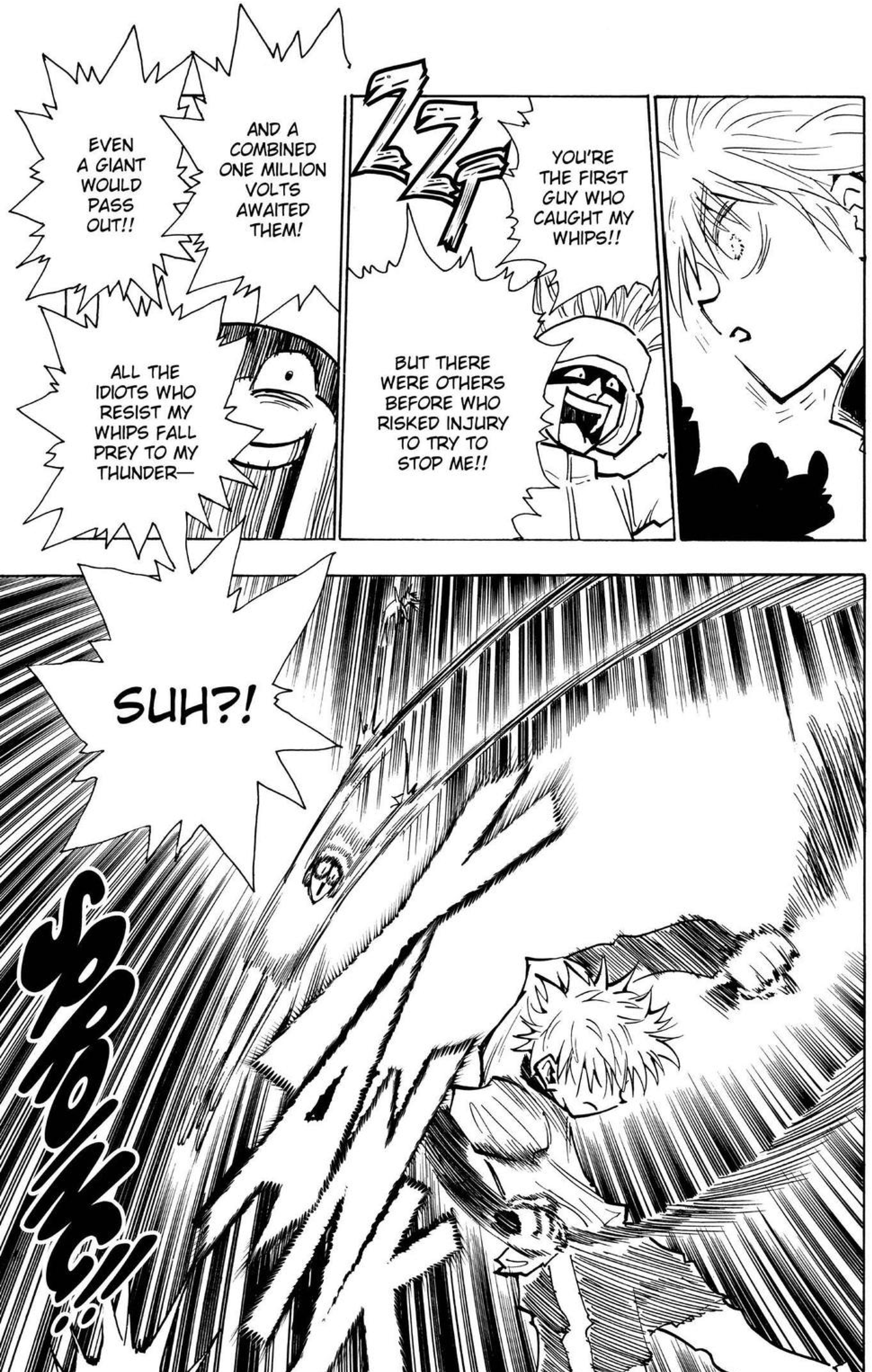

HE'S BEHIND ME!!
...
EXPLOSIVE THRUST— AURA BOOST!!!
!!
WHIFF

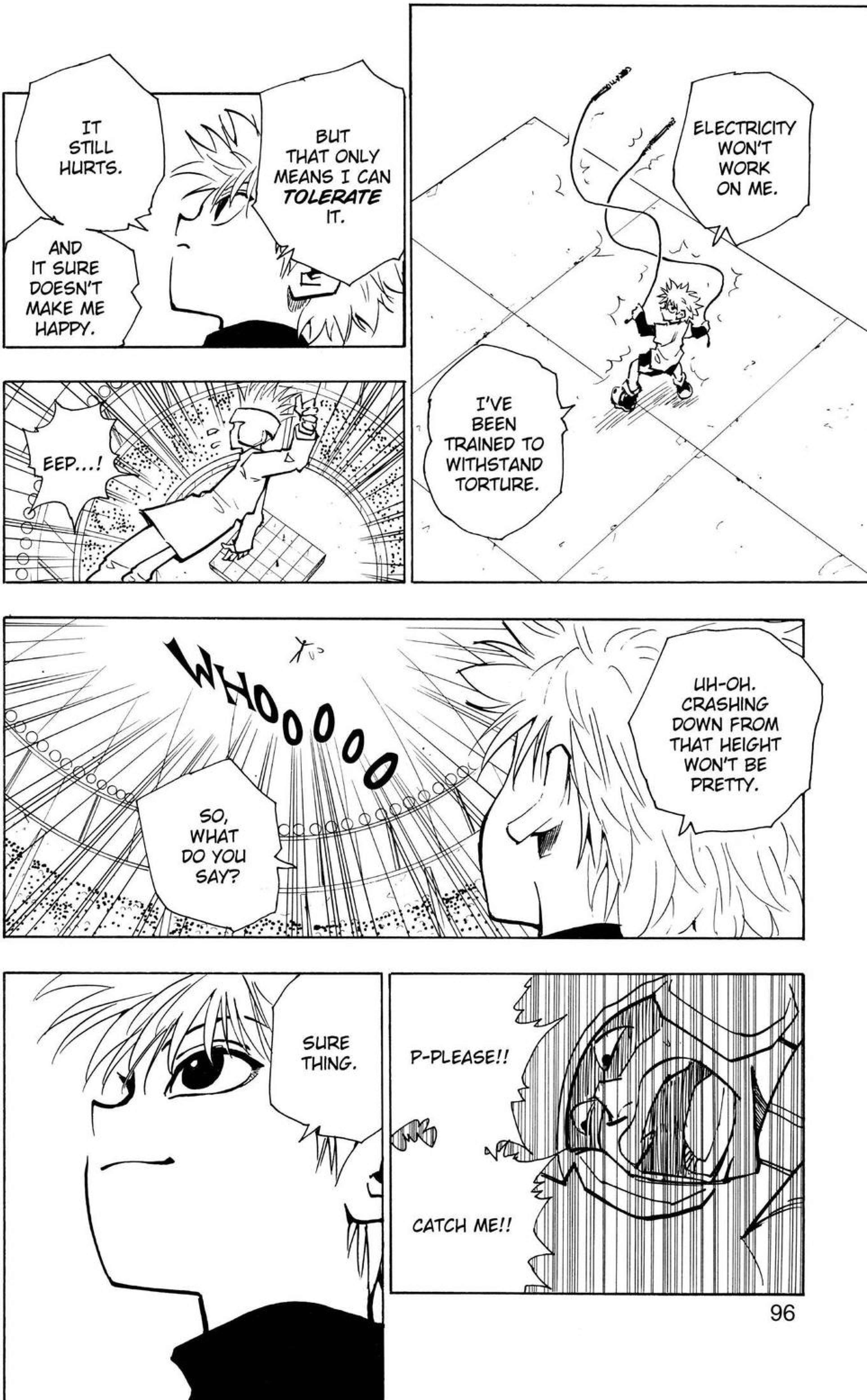

HE BOOSTED AWAY FROM KILLUA!!
SCREECH
HE USES A BURST OF AURA TO DRIVE HIS WHEELCHAIR!!
THAT WAS CLOSE.
JUMPED TOO HIGH.
CH-CHK
POP
TWO-HEADED SNAKE-TWIN SERPENTS!!

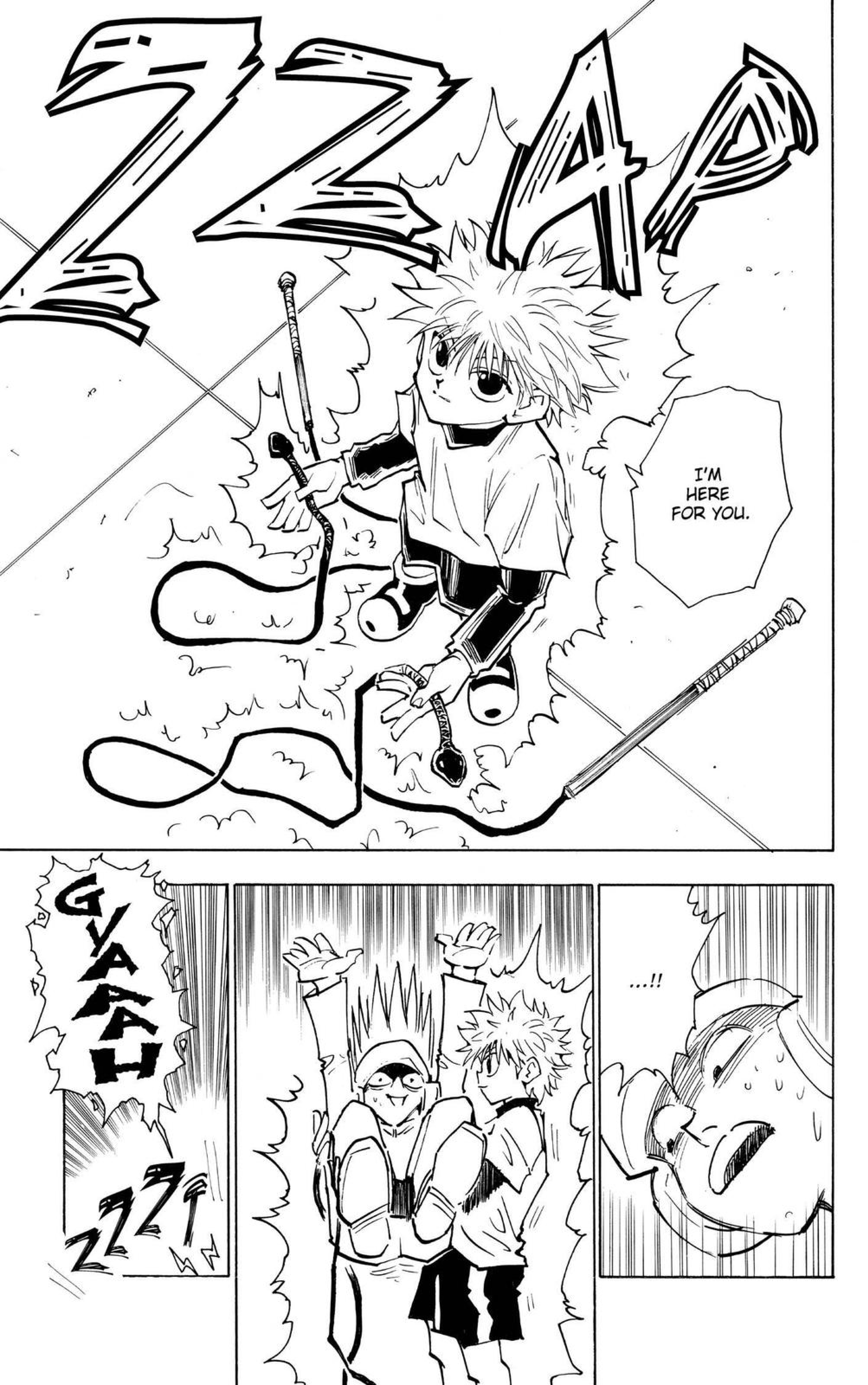

SERPENT DUET— SONG OF DEFENSE!!!
WHOOOOSH
THERE'S HIS SONG OF DEFENSE!
THE FIERCE LASHES OF THE WHIPS PROTECT HIM WHILE HE CLOSES IN TO ATTACK!!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAT WILL KILLUA DO?!

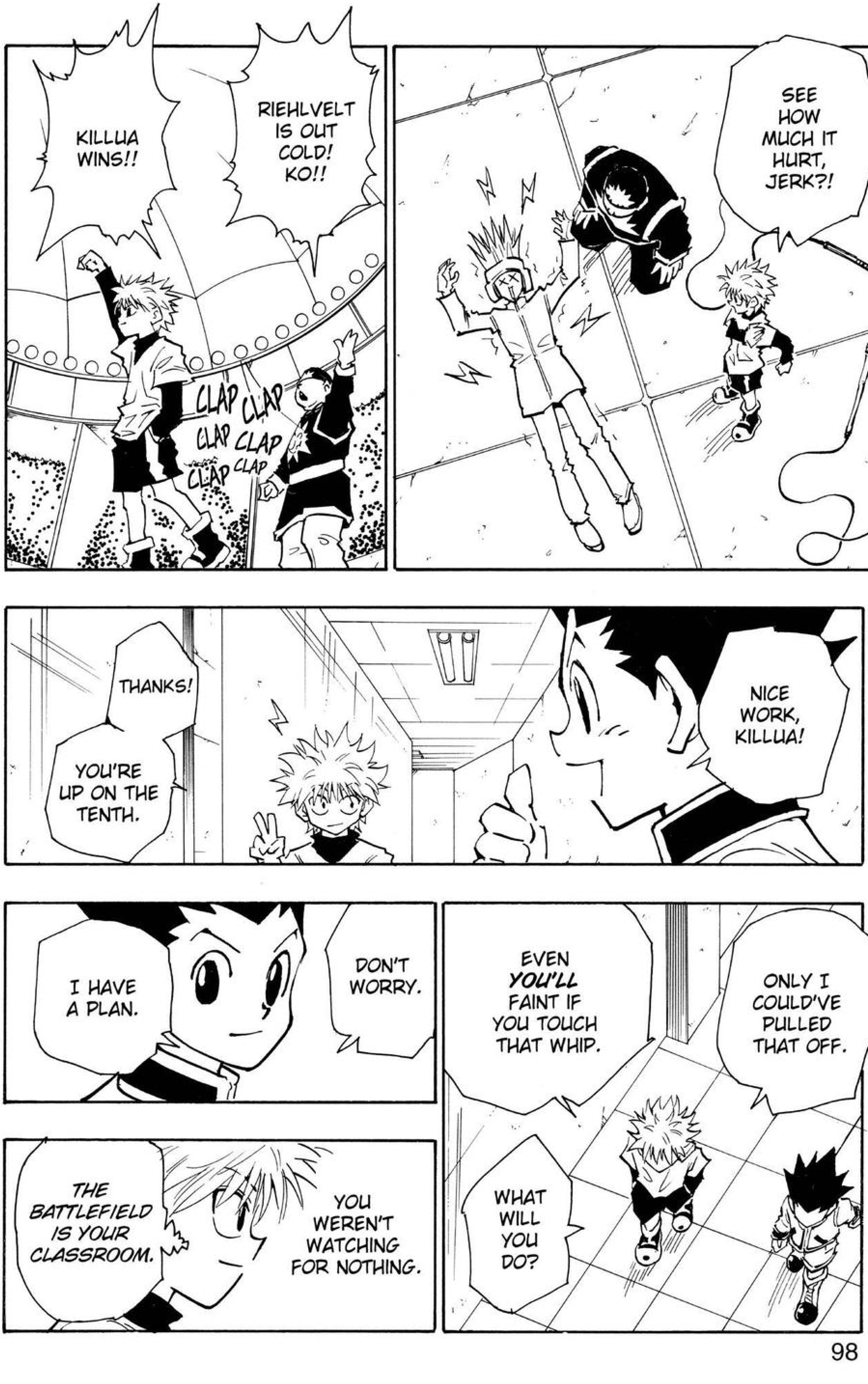

A SNEAK ATTACK?! WELL, HAH!! TOO BAD!
YOU'RE DOOMED NOW THAT I HAVE MY WHIPS GOING!!
WHY?
ARE YOU BLIND?!
ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM
NOBODY CAN KEEP UP WITH THESE WHIPS!!
YOU CAN'T RUN OR HIDE ON THIS SMALL PLATFORM!!
FSHT
SNAP!!

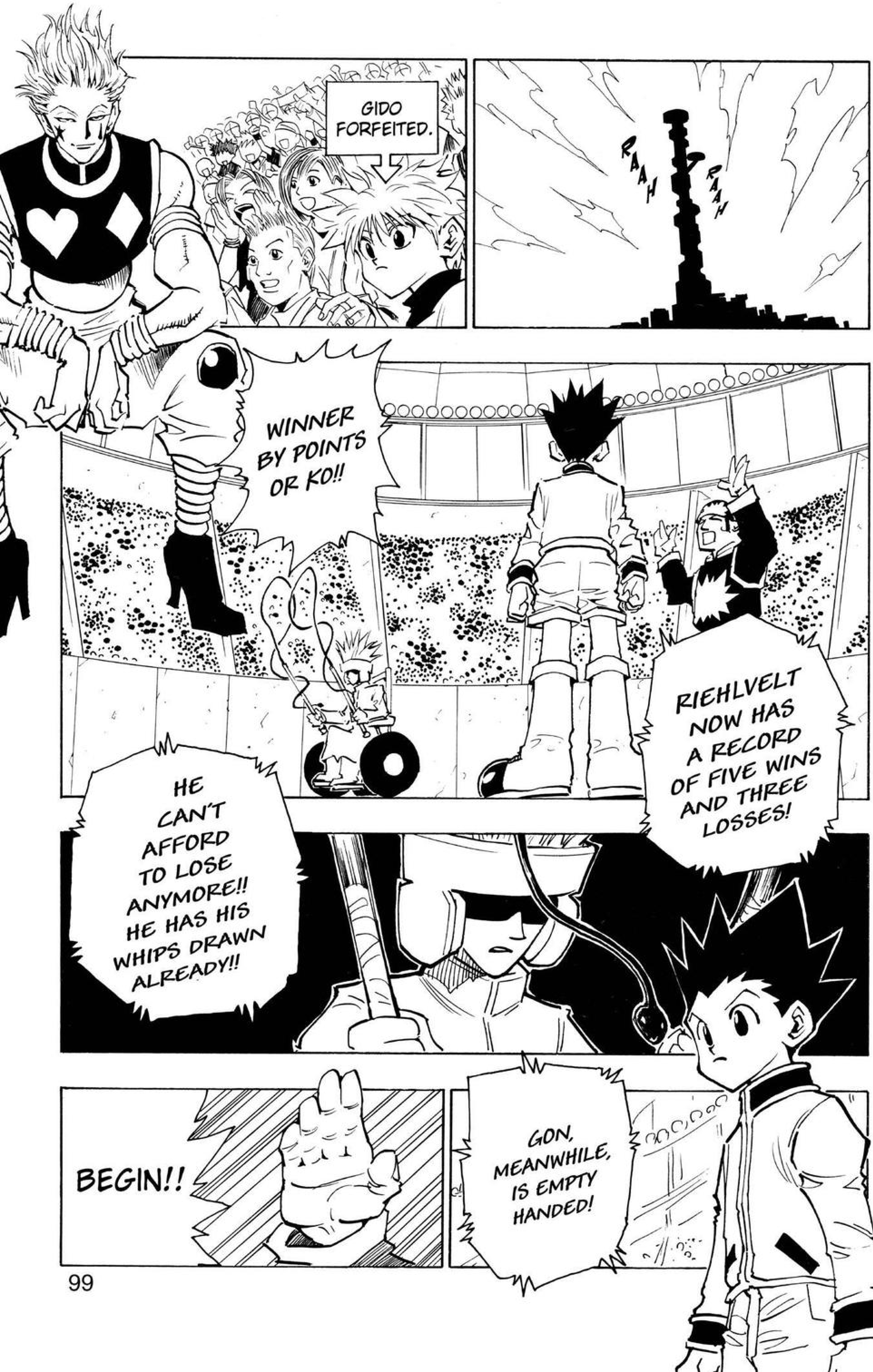

REALLY? TO ME, THEY LOOKED…
…LIKE THEY WERE STANDING STILL.
GASK!!
WHAT THE HECK?!
FINE, THEN…
CLIK
THE TRUE SNAKE REVEALED— THUNDER SERPENT!!!
ZZAK
?!!

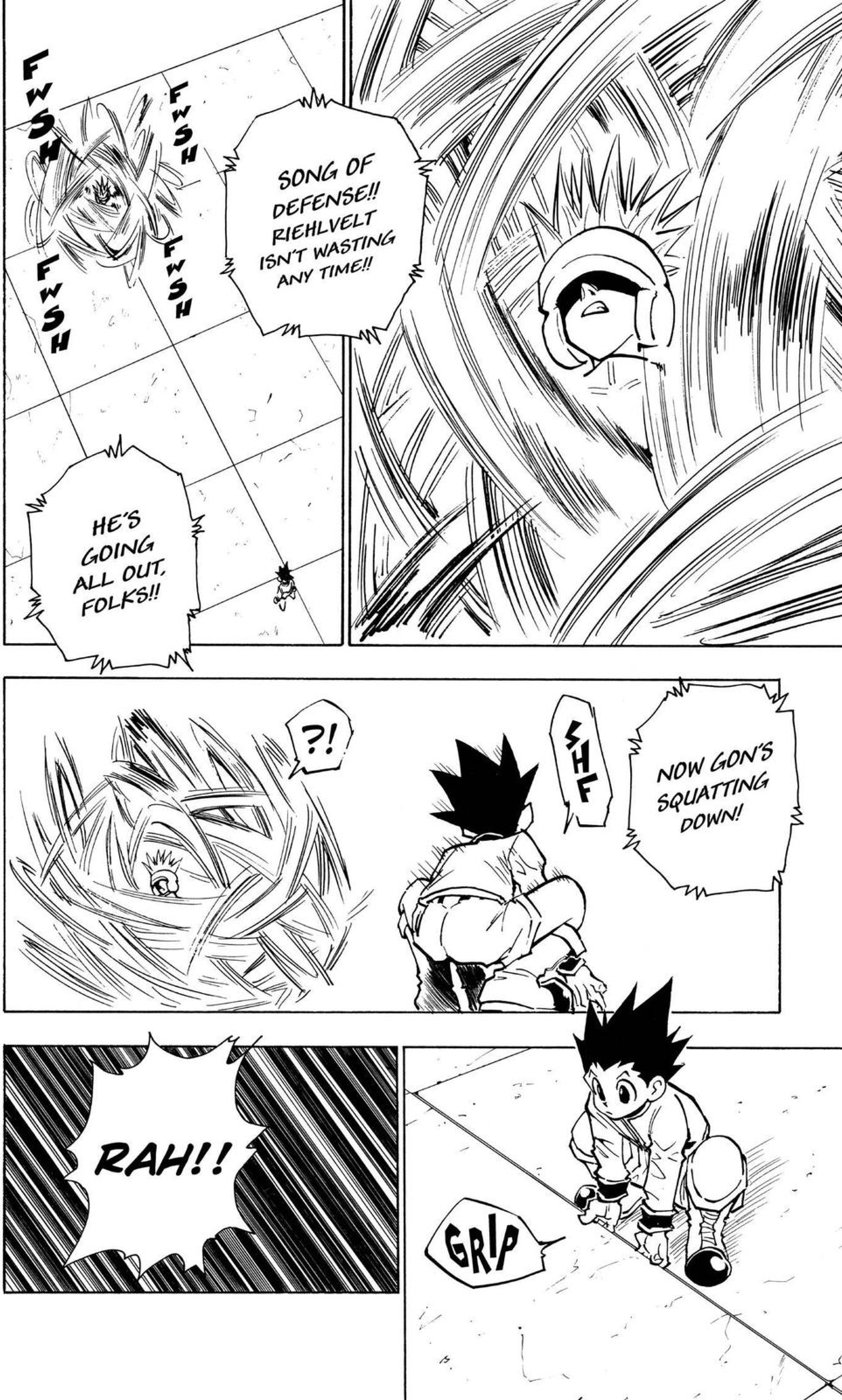

ZZT
YOU'RE THE FIRST GUY WHO CAUGHT MY WHIPS!!
BUT THERE WERE OTHERS BEFORE WHO RISKED INJURY TO TRY TO STOP ME!!
AND A COMBINED ONE MILLION VOLTS AWAITED THEM!
EVEN A GIANT WOULD PASS OUT!!
ALL THE IDIOTS WHO RESIST MY WHIPS FALL PREY TO MY THUNDER—
SUH?!
SPROING!!

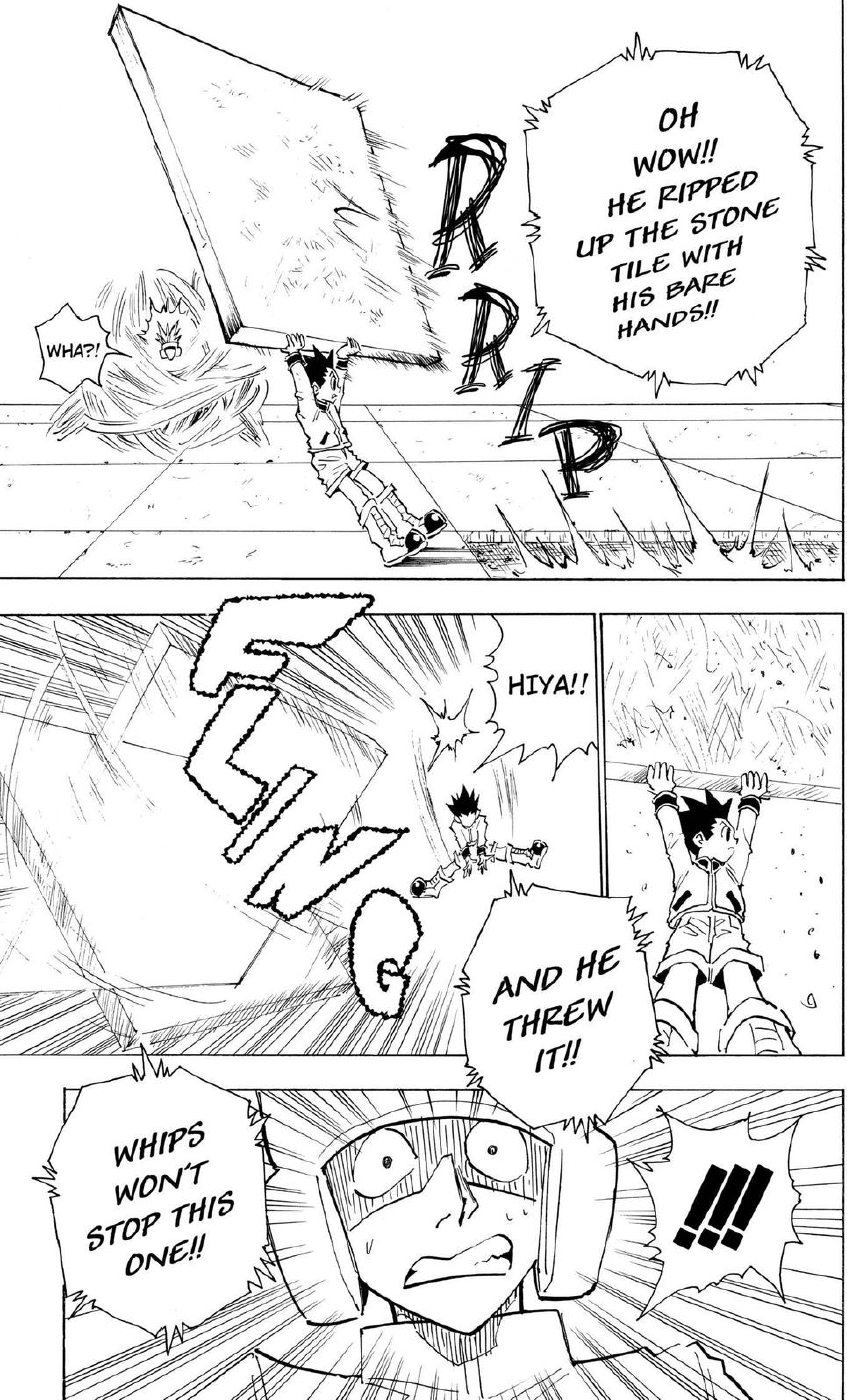

ELECTRICITY WON'T WORK ON ME.
I'VE BEEN TRAINED TO WITHSTAND TORTURE.
BUT THAT ONLY MEANS I CAN ***TOLERATE*** IT.
IT STILL HURTS.
AND IT SURE DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY.
EEP...!
UH-OH. CRASHING DOWN FROM THAT HEIGHT WON'T BE PRETTY.
WHOOOOOO
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
P-PLEASE!!
CATCH ME!!
SURE THING.

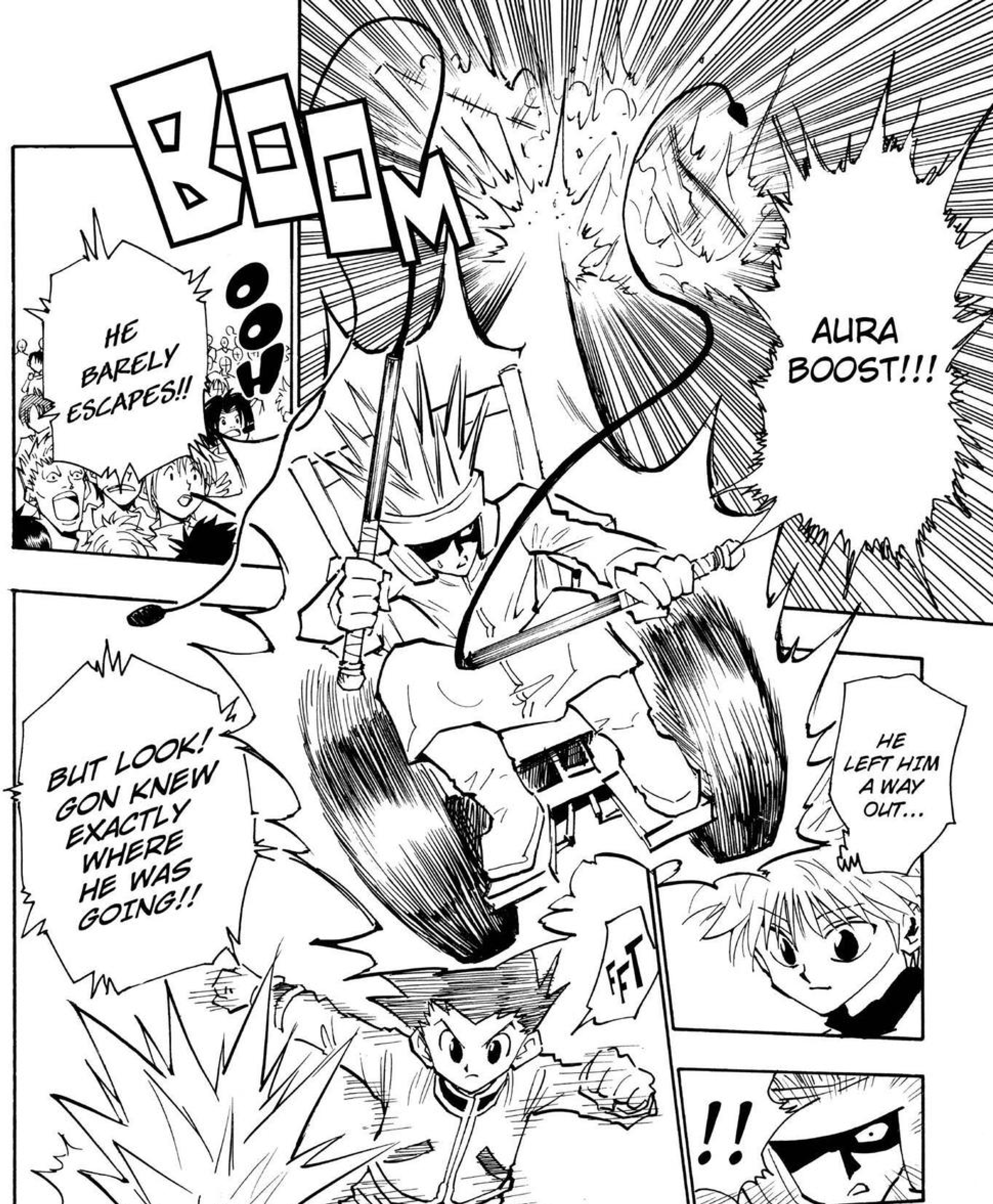

ZZAP
I'M HERE FOR YOU.
...!!
GYAAAH
ZZZT

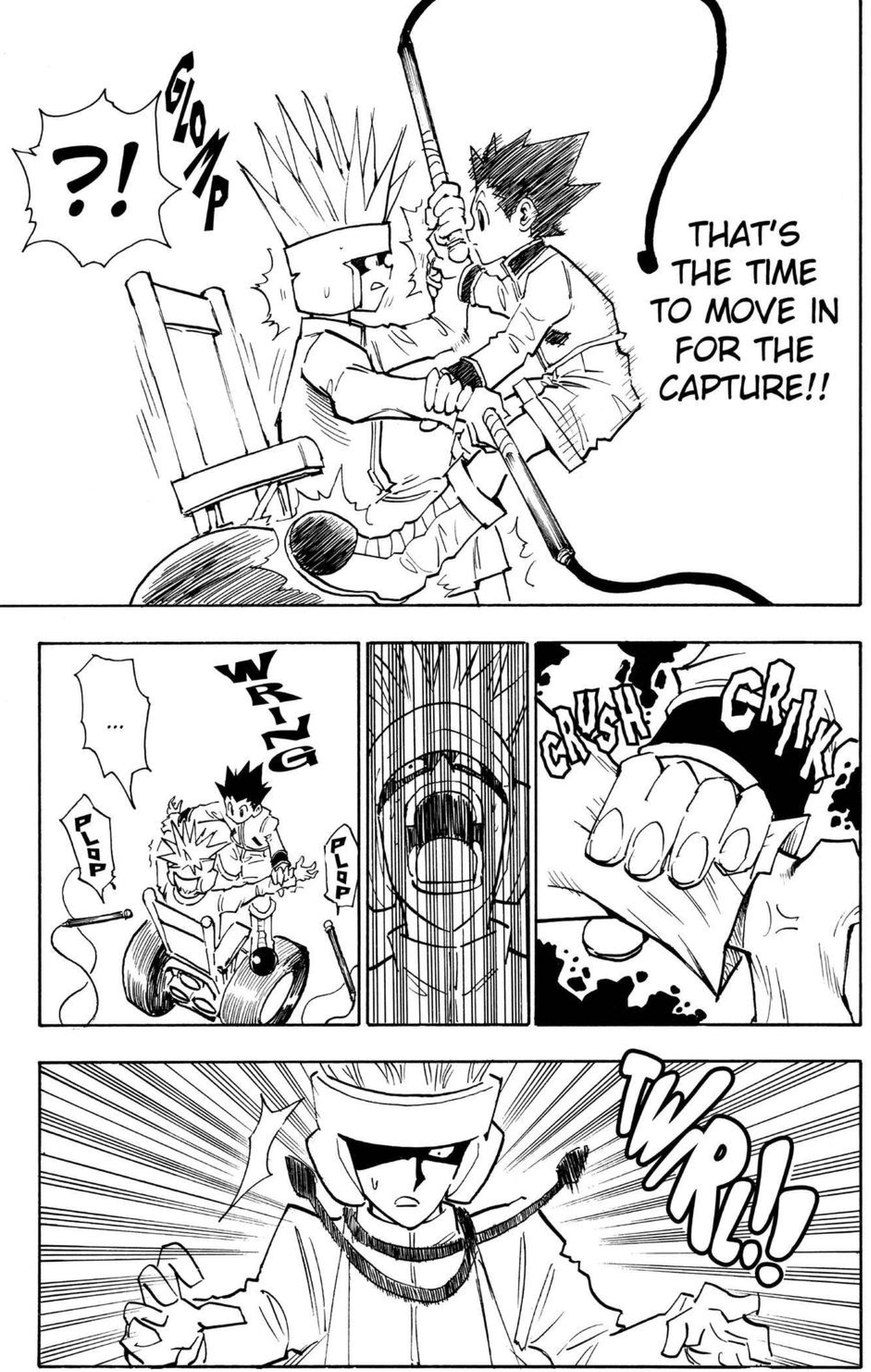

SEE HOW MUCH IT HURT, JERK?!
RIEHLVELT IS OUT COLD! KO!!
KILLUA WINS!!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
NICE WORK, KILLUA!
THANKS!
YOU'RE UP ON THE TENTH.
ONLY I COULD'VE PULLED THAT OFF.
EVEN *YOU'LL* FAINT IF YOU TOUCH THAT WHIP.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
DON'T WORRY.
I HAVE A PLAN.
YOU WEREN'T WATCHING FOR NOTHING.
THE BATTLEFIELD IS YOUR CLASSROOM.

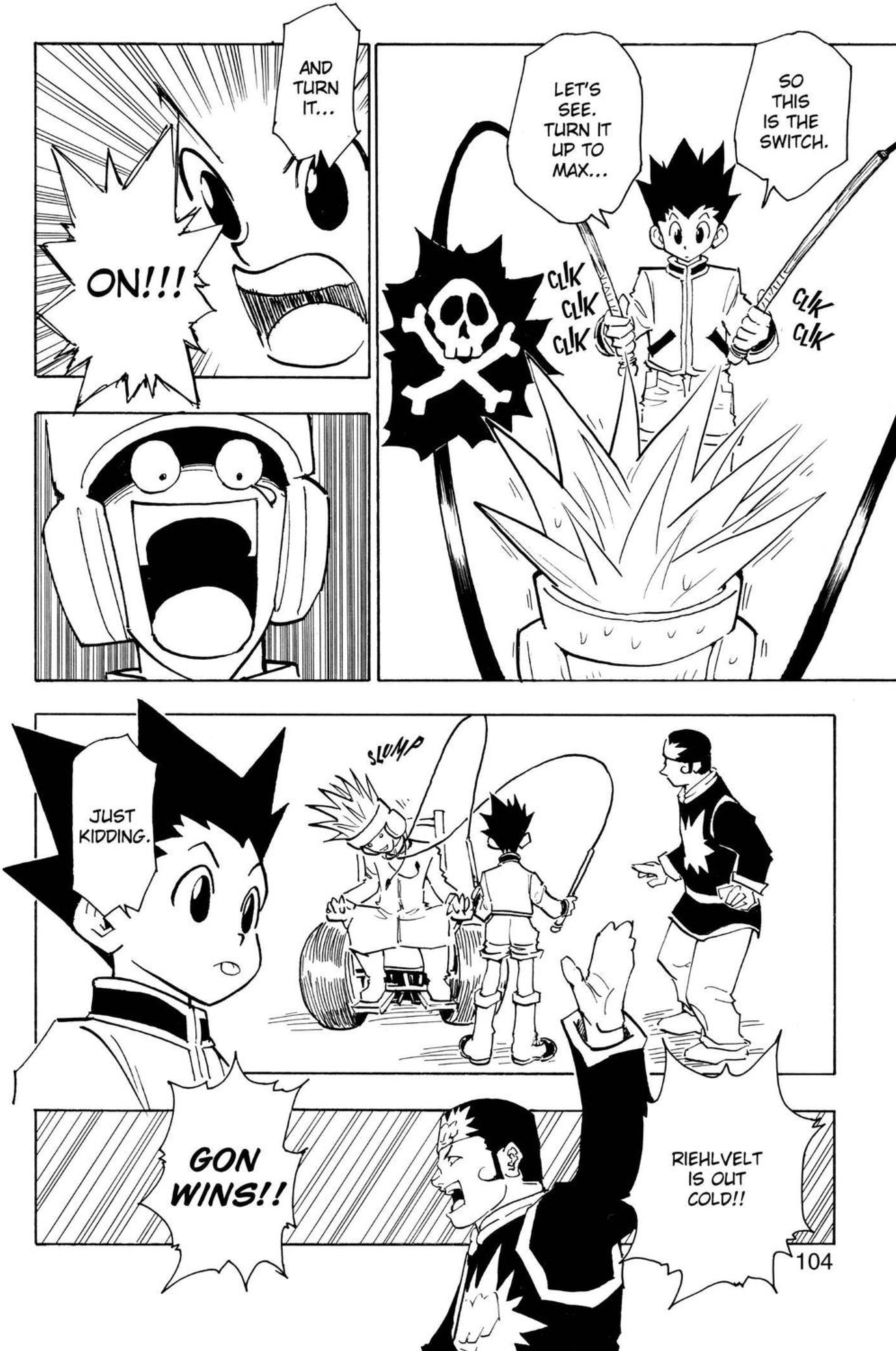

RAAH
RAAH
GIDO FORFEITED.
WINNER BY POINTS OR KO!!
RIEHLVELT NOW HAS A RECORD OF FIVE WINS AND THREE LOSSES!
HE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANYMORE!! HE HAS HIS WHIPS DRAWN ALREADY!!
GON, MEANWHILE, IS EMPTY HANDED!
BEGIN!!

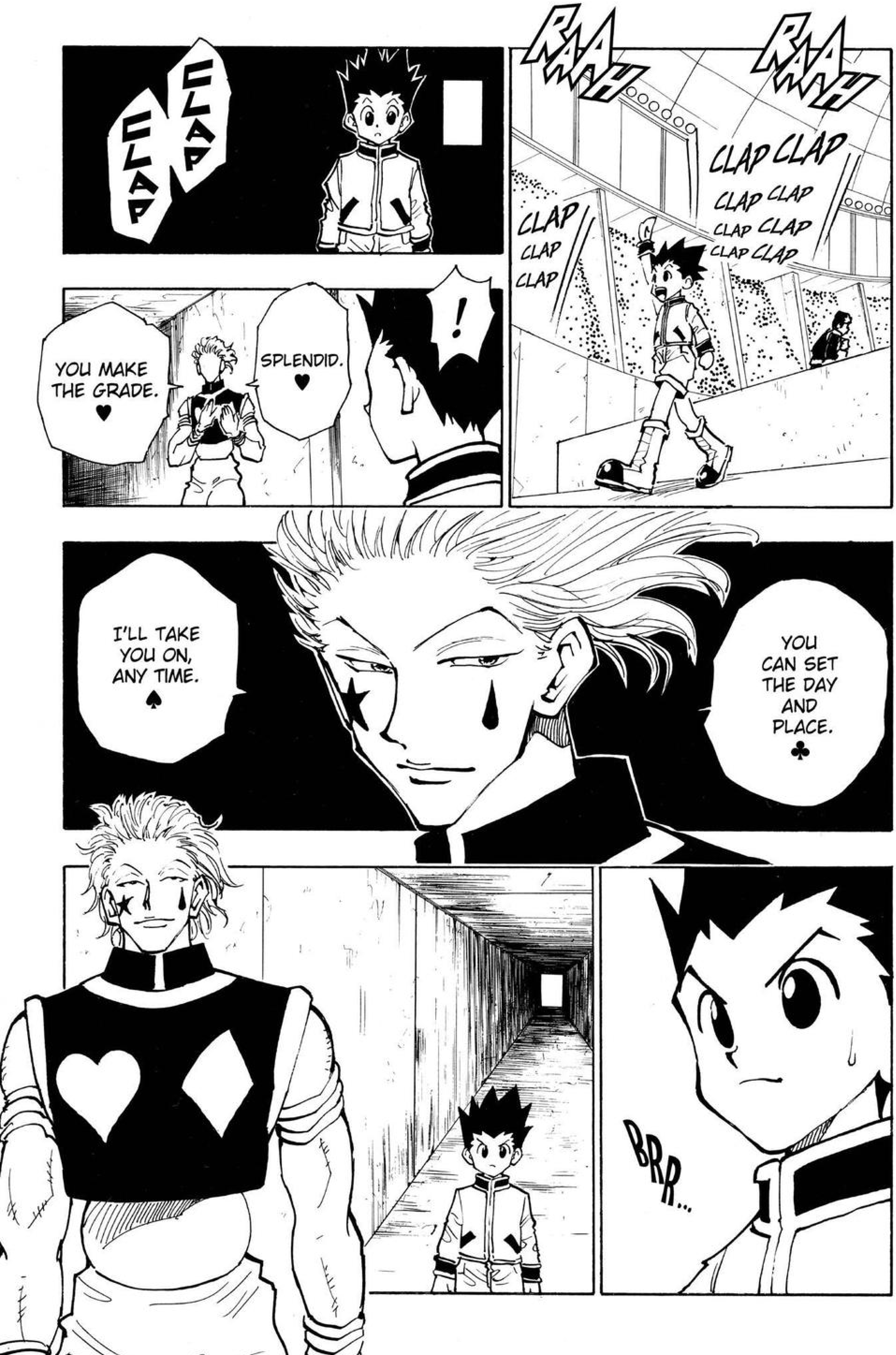

FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
SONG OF DEFENSE!! RIEHLVELT ISN'T WASTING ANY TIME!!
HE'S GOING ALL OUT, FOLKS!!
NOW GON'S SQUATTING DOWN!
SHF
?!
GRIP
RAH!!


OH WOW!! HE RIPPED UP THE STONE TILE WITH HIS BARE HANDS!!
RRIP
WHA?!
HIYA!!
FLING
AND HE THREW IT!!
!!!
WHIPS WON'T STOP THIS ONE!!


B-O-O-M
AURA BOOST!!!
OOOH
HE BARELY ESCAPES!!
HE LEFT HIM A WAY OUT...
BUT LOOK! GON KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS GOING!!
FFT
!!
RIEHLVELT DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE DIRECTIONS IN THAT SPLIT SECOND, SO HE COULD ONLY GO FORWARD. ♠
SINCE HE LOST HIS BALANCE WITH THE SUDDEN ACCELERATION, HE WAS FORCED TO STOP HIS WHIPS. ◆


THAT'S THE TIME TO MOVE IN FOR THE CAPTURE!!
GLOMP
?!
CRUSH
CRIK
WRING
...
PLOP
PLOP
TWIRL!!


SO THIS IS THE SWITCH.
LET'S SEE. TURN IT UP TO MAX...
CLIK CLIK
CLIK CLIK CLIK
AND TURN IT...
ON!!!
SLUMP
JUST KIDDING.
RIEHLVELT IS OUT COLD!!
GON WINS!!


RAAH
RAAH
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
!
SPLENDID. ♥
YOU MAKE THE GRADE. ♥
YOU CAN SET THE DAY AND PLACE. ♣
I'LL TAKE YOU ON, ANY TIME. ♠
BRR...

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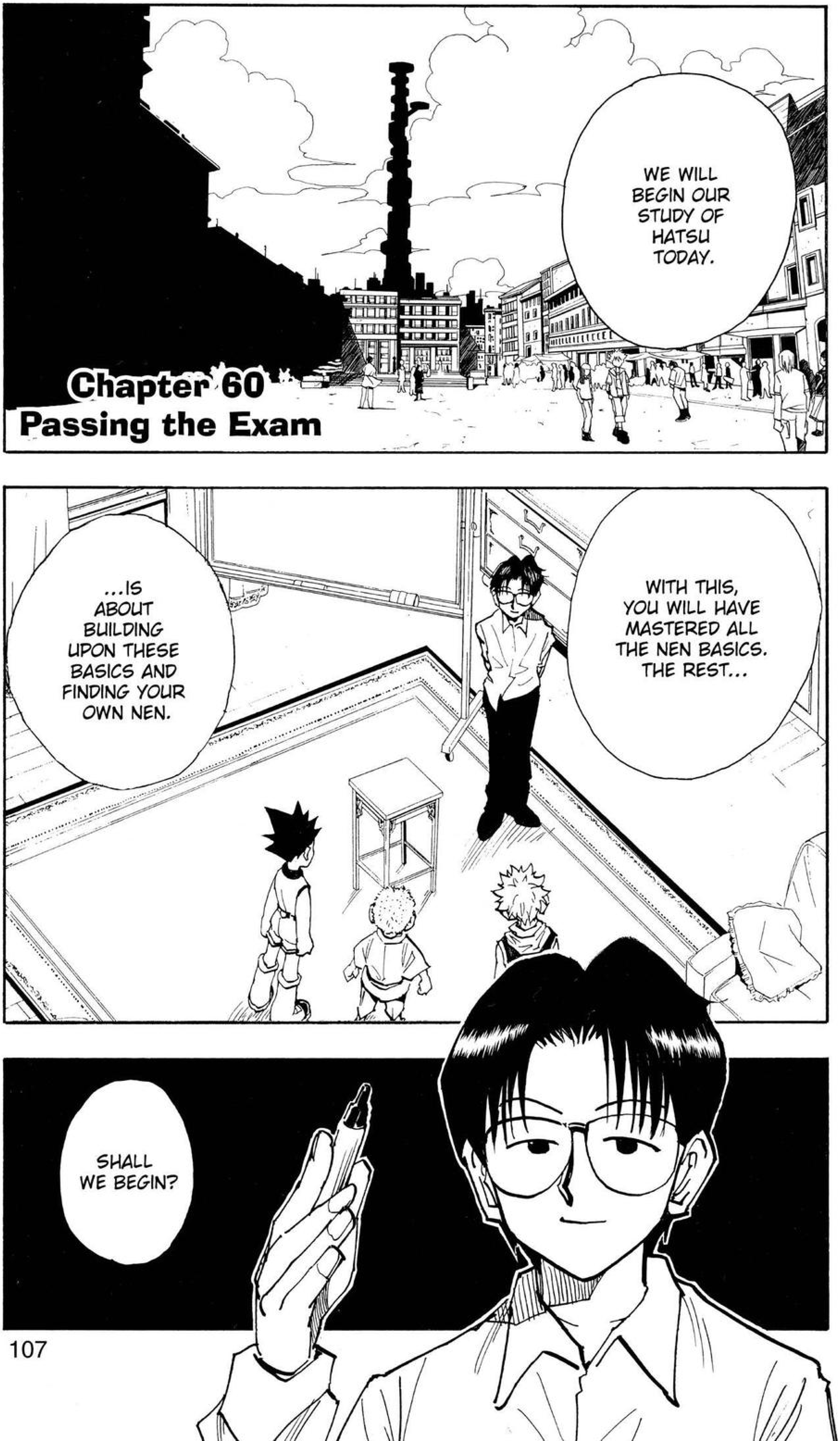
Passing the Exam


WE WILL BEGIN OUR STUDY OF HATSU TODAY.
WITH THIS, YOU WILL HAVE MASTERED ALL THE NEN BASICS. THE REST...
...IS ABOUT BUILDING UPON THESE BASICS AND FINDING YOUR OWN NEN.
SHALL WE BEGIN?

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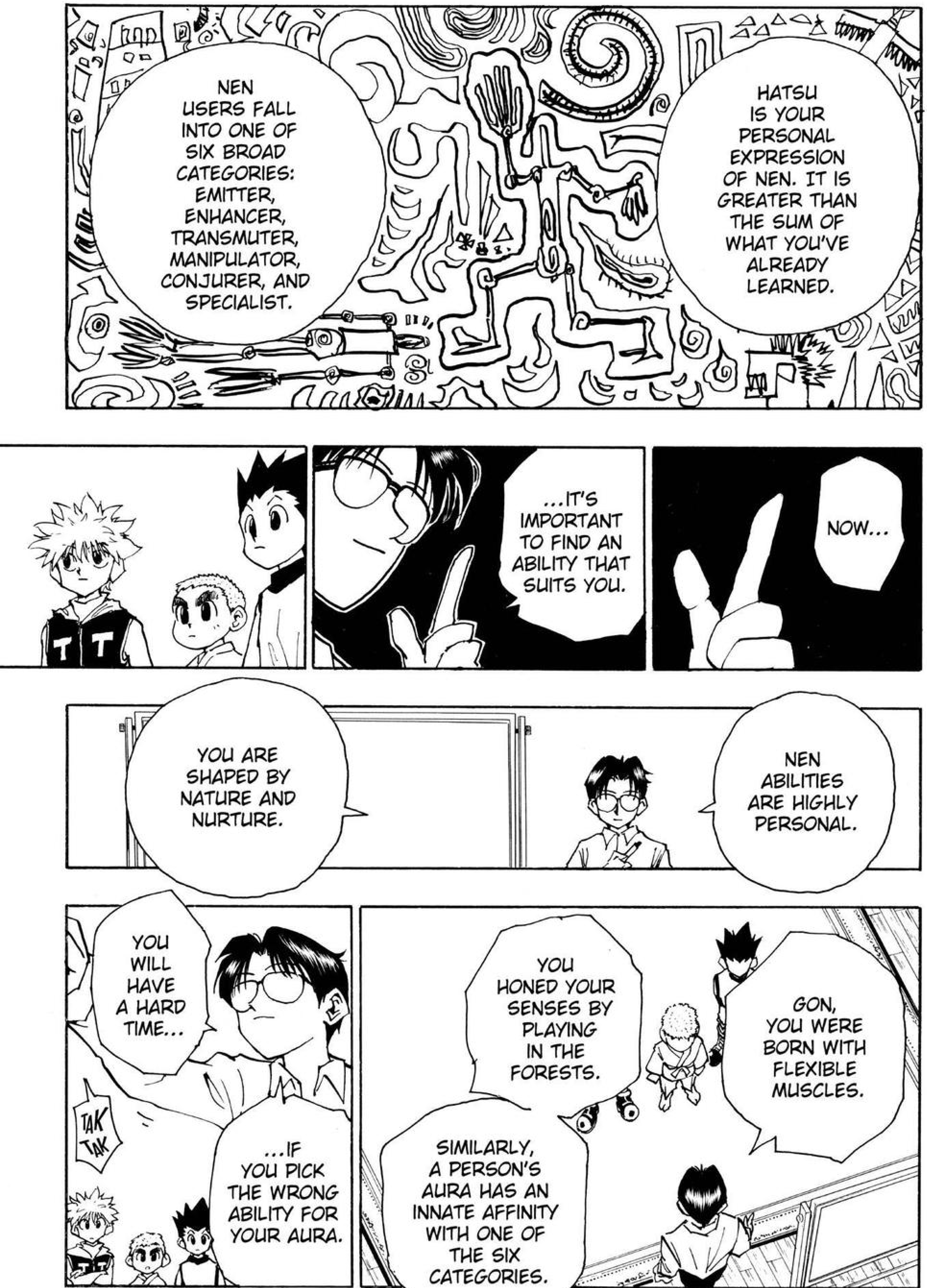
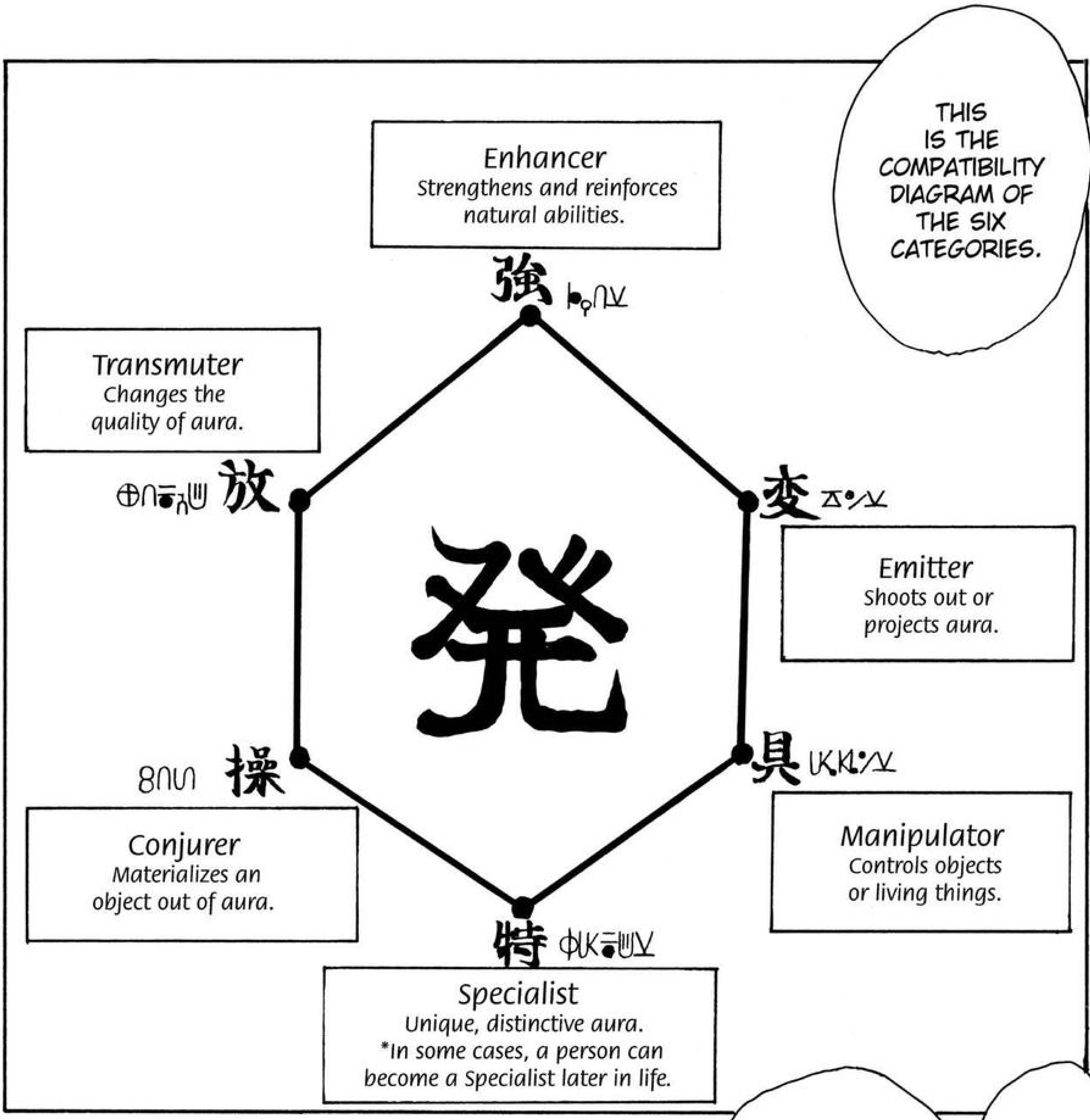
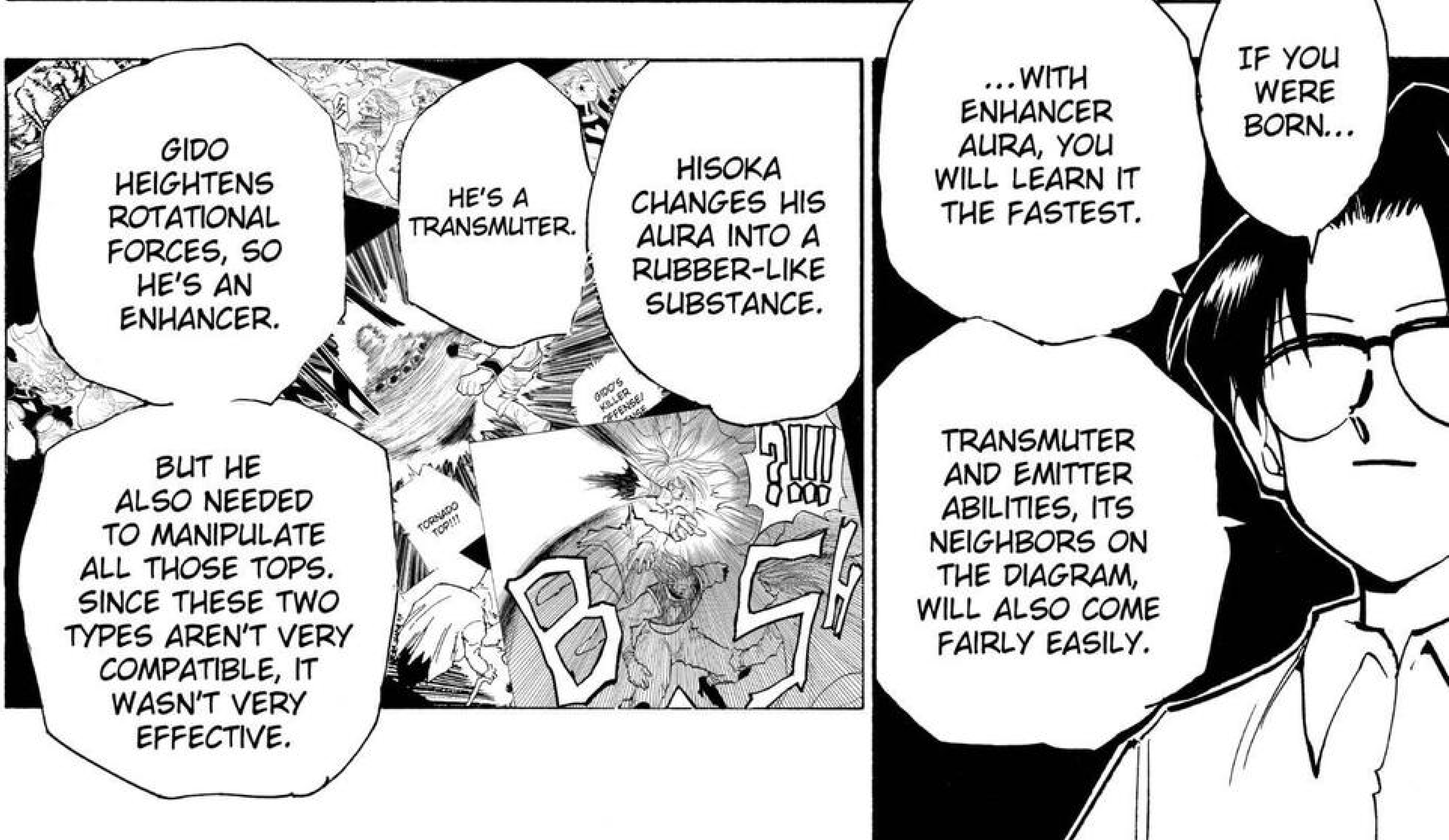
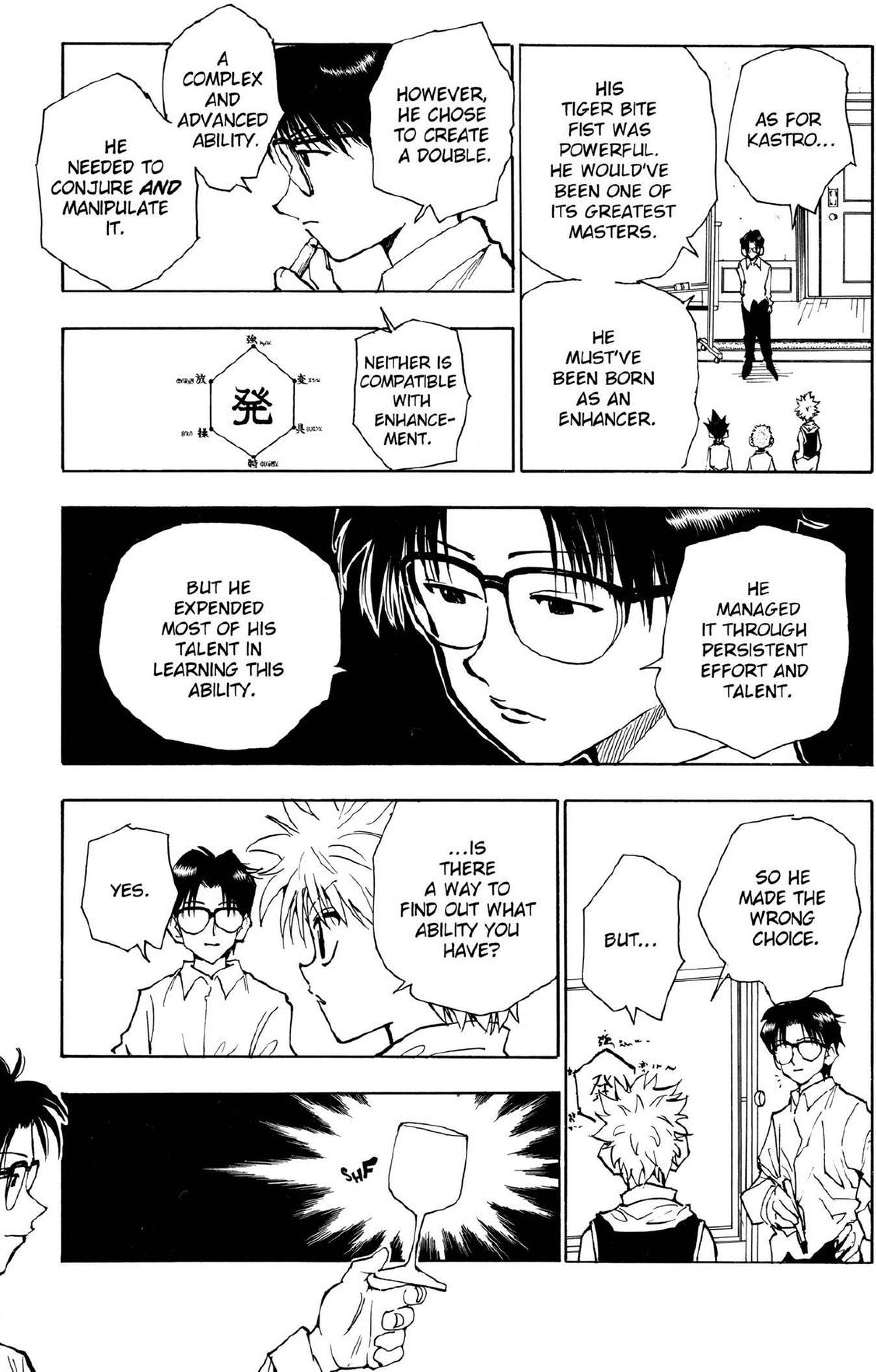
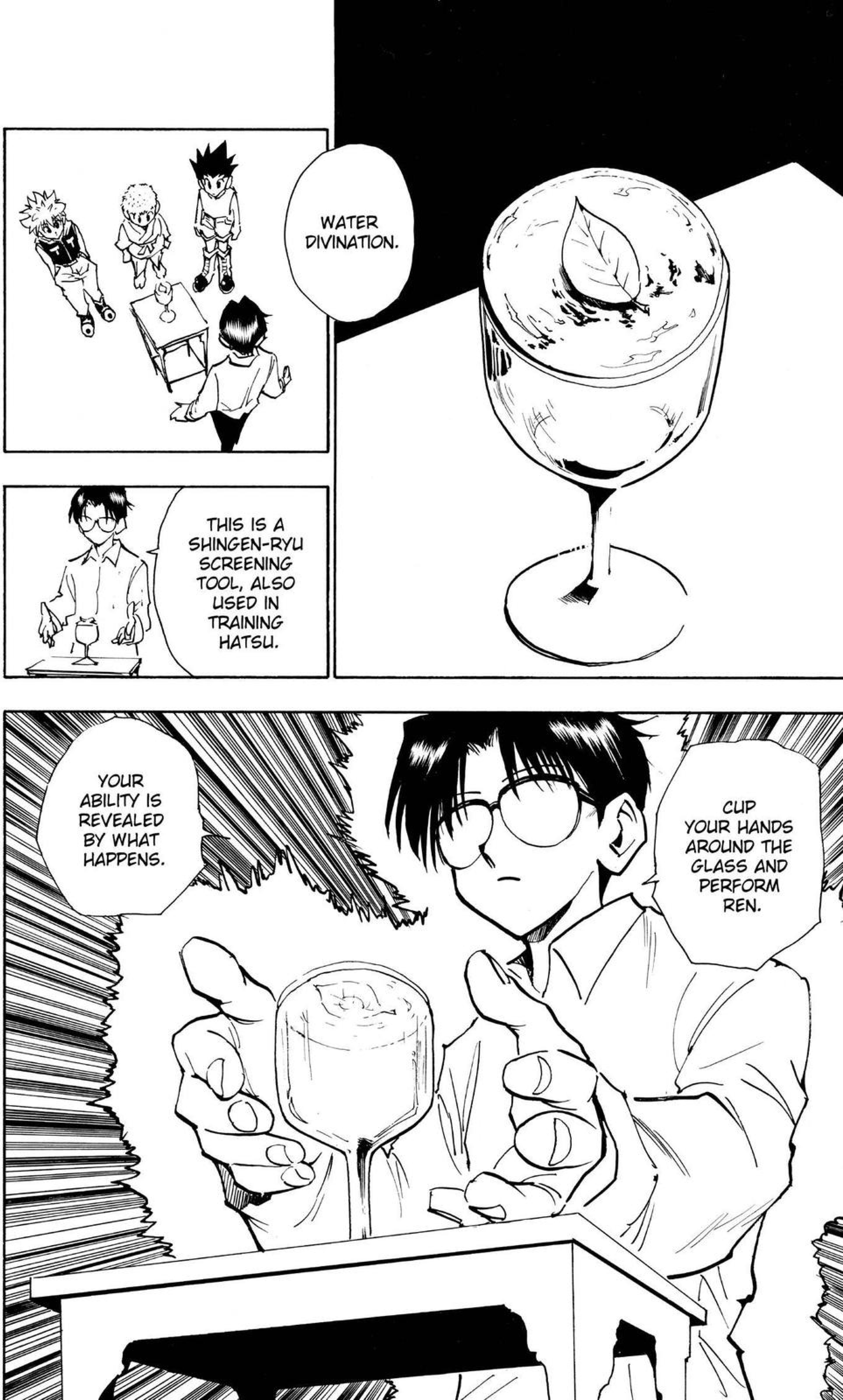
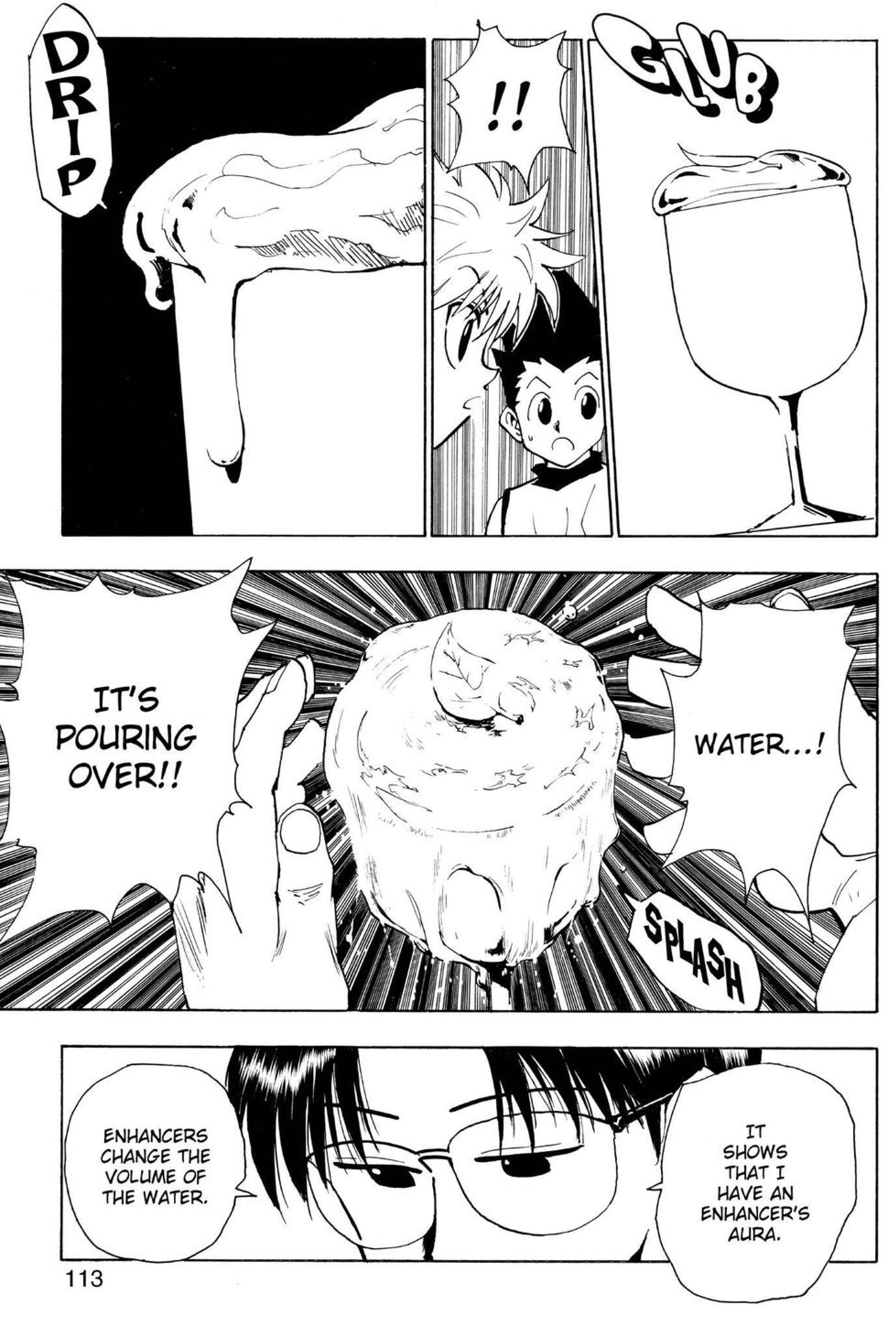

HATSU IS YOUR PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF NEN. IT IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY LEARNED.
NEN USERS FALL INTO ONE OF SIX BROAD CATEGORIES: EMITTER, ENHANCER, TRANSMUTER, MANIPULATOR, CONJURER, AND SPECIALIST.
NOW...
...IT'S IMPORTANT TO FIND AN ABILITY THAT SUITS YOU.
NEN ABILITIES ARE HIGHLY PERSONAL.
YOU ARE SHAPED BY NATURE AND NURTURE.
GON, YOU WERE BORN WITH FLEXIBLE MUSCLES.
YOU HONED YOUR SENSES BY PLAYING IN THE FORESTS.
SIMILARLY, A PERSON'S AURA HAS AN INNATE AFFINITY WITH ONE OF THE SIX CATEGORIES.
YOU WILL HAVE A HARD TIME...
TAK TAK
...IF YOU PICK THE WRONG ABILITY FOR YOUR AURA.

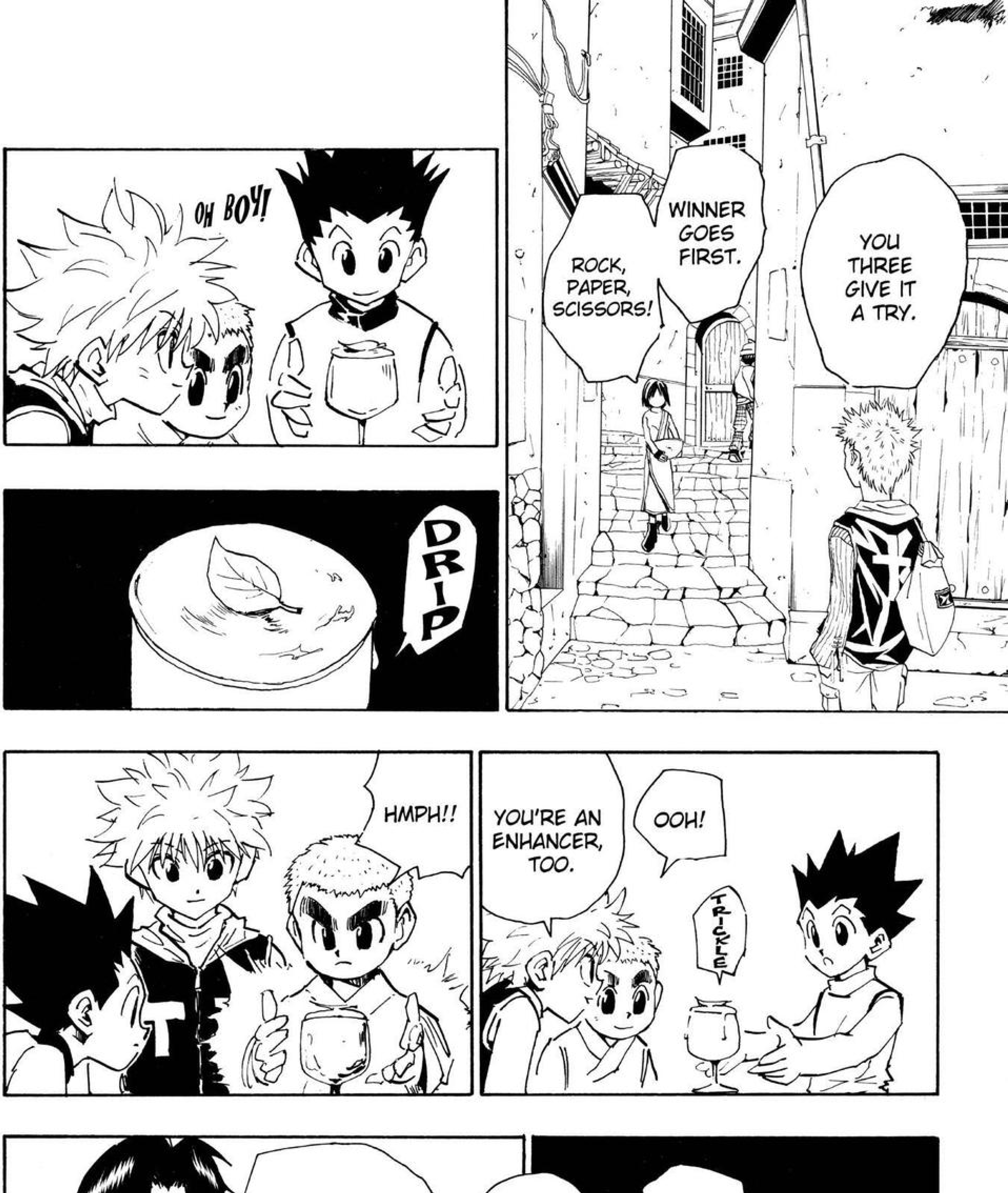

THIS IS THE COMPATIBILITY DIAGRAM OF THE SIX CATEGORIES.
Enhancer
Strengthens and reinforces natural abilities.
強
Transmuter
Changes the quality of aura.
放
変
Emitter
Shoots out or projects aura.
発
操
Conjurer
Materializes an object out of aura.
具
Manipulator
Controls objects or living things.
特
Specialist
Unique, distinctive aura.
*In some cases, a person can become a Specialist later in life.


IF YOU WERE BORN...
...WITH ENHANCER AURA, YOU WILL LEARN IT THE FASTEST.
TRANSMUTER AND EMITTER ABILITIES, ITS NEIGHBORS ON THE DIAGRAM, WILL ALSO COME FAIRLY EASILY.
HISOKA CHANGES HIS AURA INTO A RUBBER-LIKE SUBSTANCE.
HE'S A TRANSMUTER.
GIDO HEIGHTENS ROTATIONAL FORCES, SO HE'S AN ENHANCER.
GIDO'S KILLER OFFENSE/ DEFENSE
TORNADO TOP!!!
BASH
BUT HE ALSO NEEDED TO MANIPULATE ALL THOSE TOPS. SINCE THESE TWO TYPES AREN'T VERY COMPATIBLE, IT WASN'T VERY EFFECTIVE.

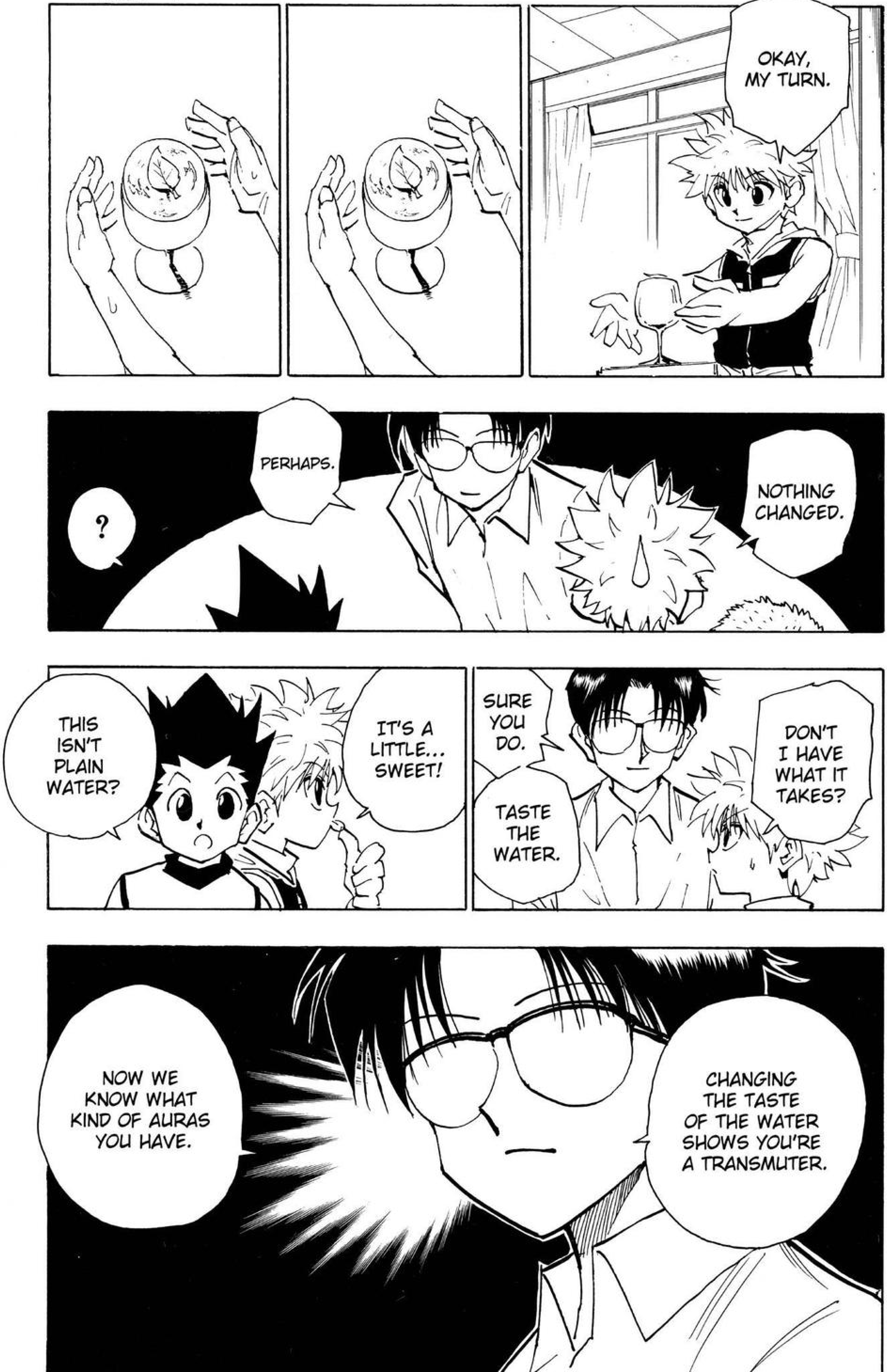

AS FOR KASTRO...
HIS TIGER BITE FIST WAS POWERFUL. HE WOULD'VE BEEN ONE OF ITS GREATEST MASTERS.
HE MUST'VE BEEN BORN AS AN ENHANCER.
HOWEVER, HE CHOSE TO CREATE A DOUBLE.
A COMPLEX AND ADVANCED ABILITY.
HE NEEDED TO CONJURE **AND** MANIPULATE IT.
NEITHER IS COMPATIBLE WITH ENHANCEMENT.
強
変
具
特
操
放
発
HE MANAGED IT THROUGH PERSISTENT EFFORT AND TALENT.
BUT HE EXPENDED MOST OF HIS TALENT IN LEARNING THIS ABILITY.
SO HE MADE THE WRONG CHOICE.
BUT...
...IS THERE A WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT ABILITY YOU HAVE?
YES.
SHF

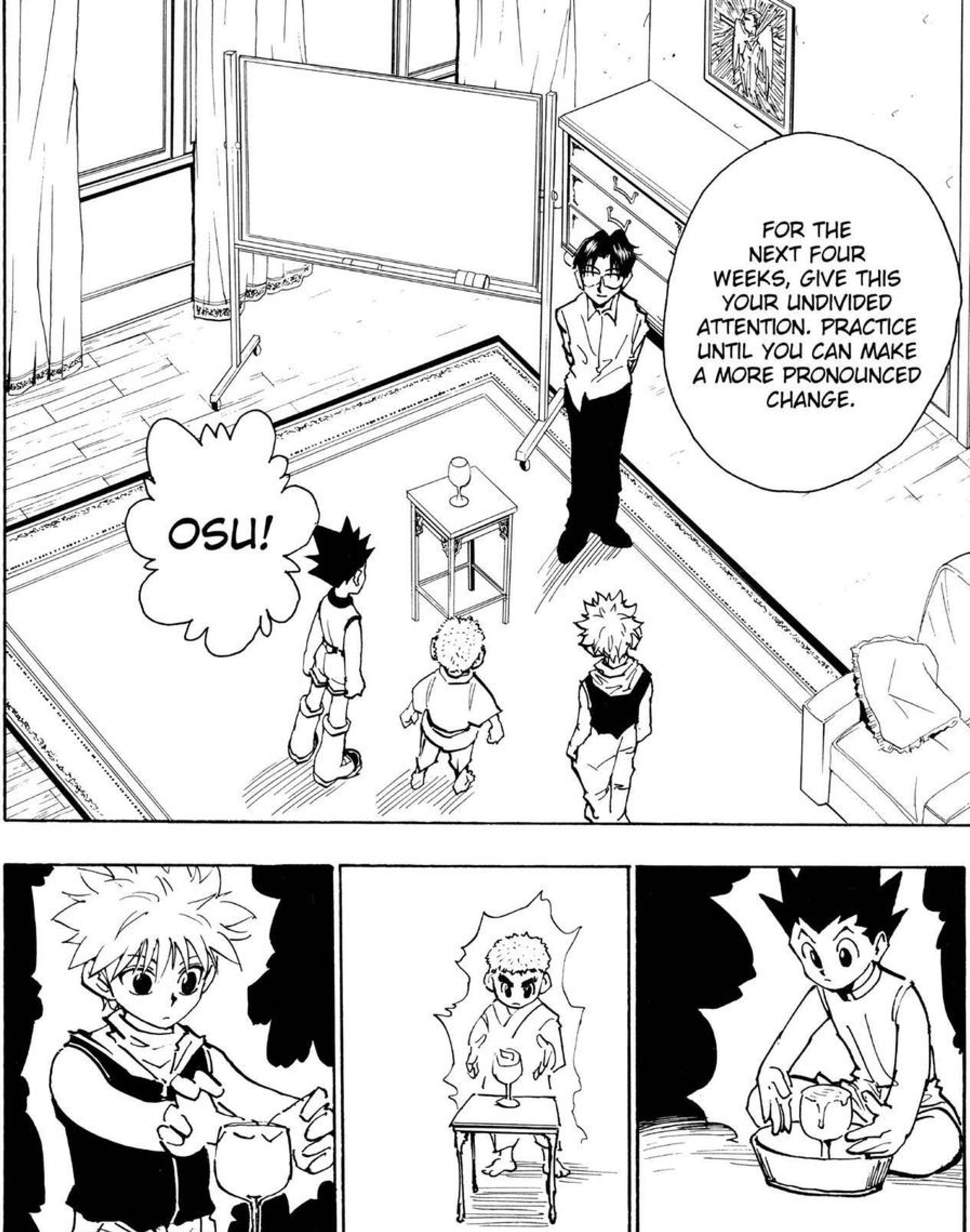

WATER DIVINATION.
THIS IS A SHINGEN-RYU SCREENING TOOL, ALSO USED IN TRAINING HATSU.
CUP YOUR HANDS AROUND THE GLASS AND PERFORM REN.
YOUR ABILITY IS REVEALED BY WHAT HAPPENS.

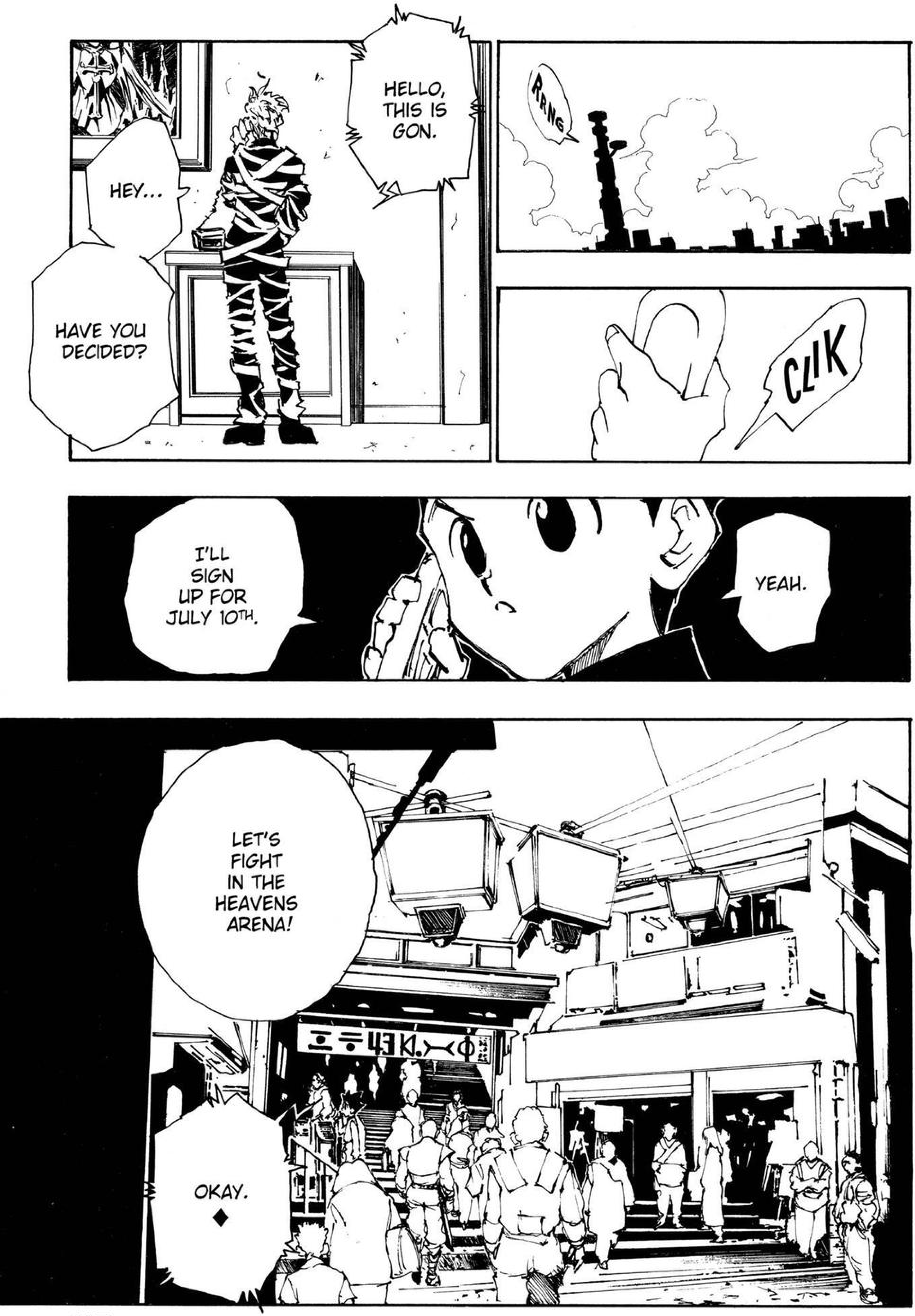

GLUB
!!
DRIP
WATER...!
SPLASH
IT'S POURING OVER!!
IT SHOWS THAT I HAVE AN ENHANCER'S AURA.
ENHANCERS CHANGE THE VOLUME OF THE WATER.

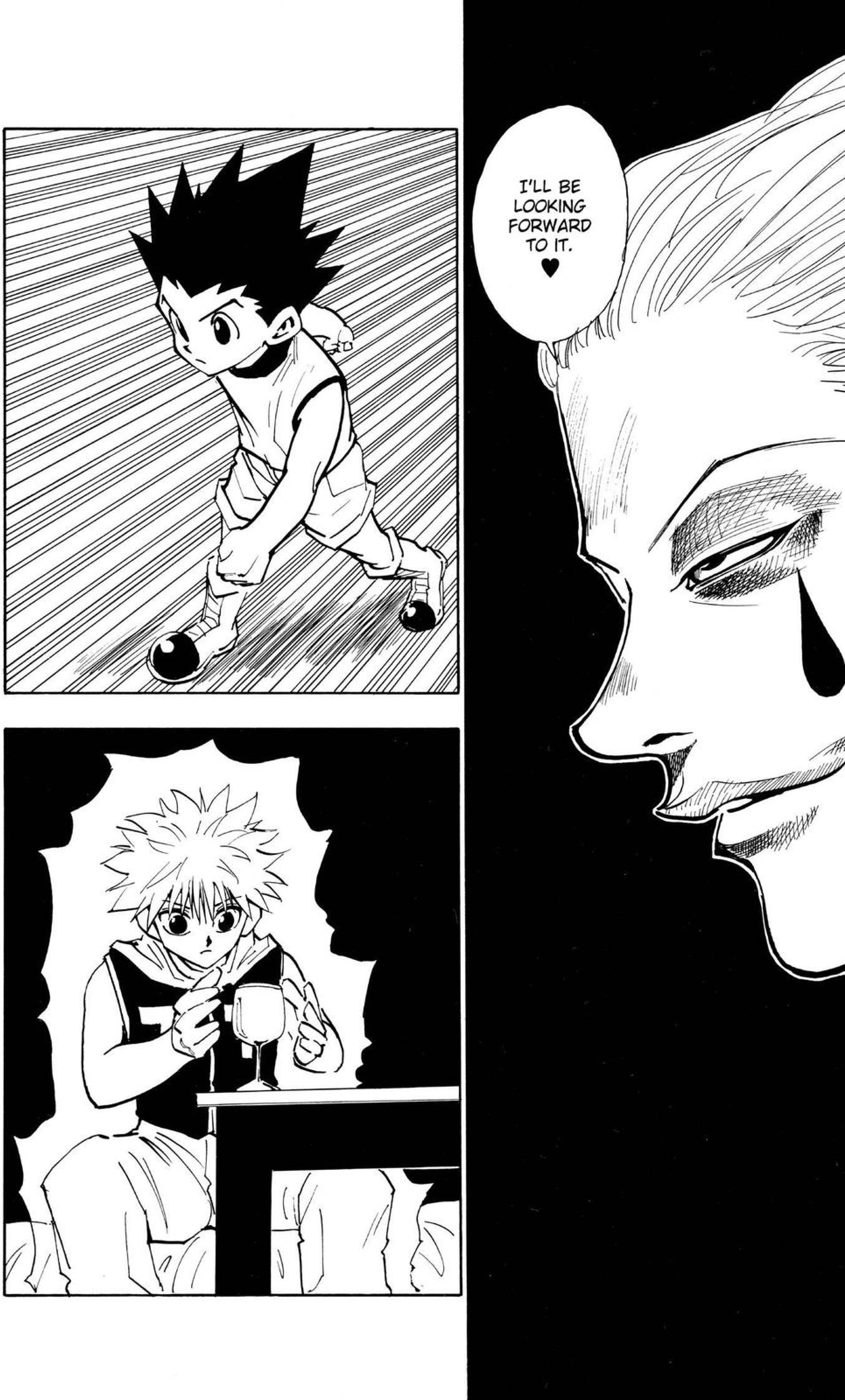

YOU THREE GIVE IT A TRY.
WINNER GOES FIRST.
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!
OH BOY!
DRIP
OOH!
YOU'RE AN ENHANCER, TOO.
TRICKLE
HMPH!!
WIGGLE
THE LEAF'S MOVING!!
IT SHOWS YOU'RE A MANIPULATOR.
OOH.

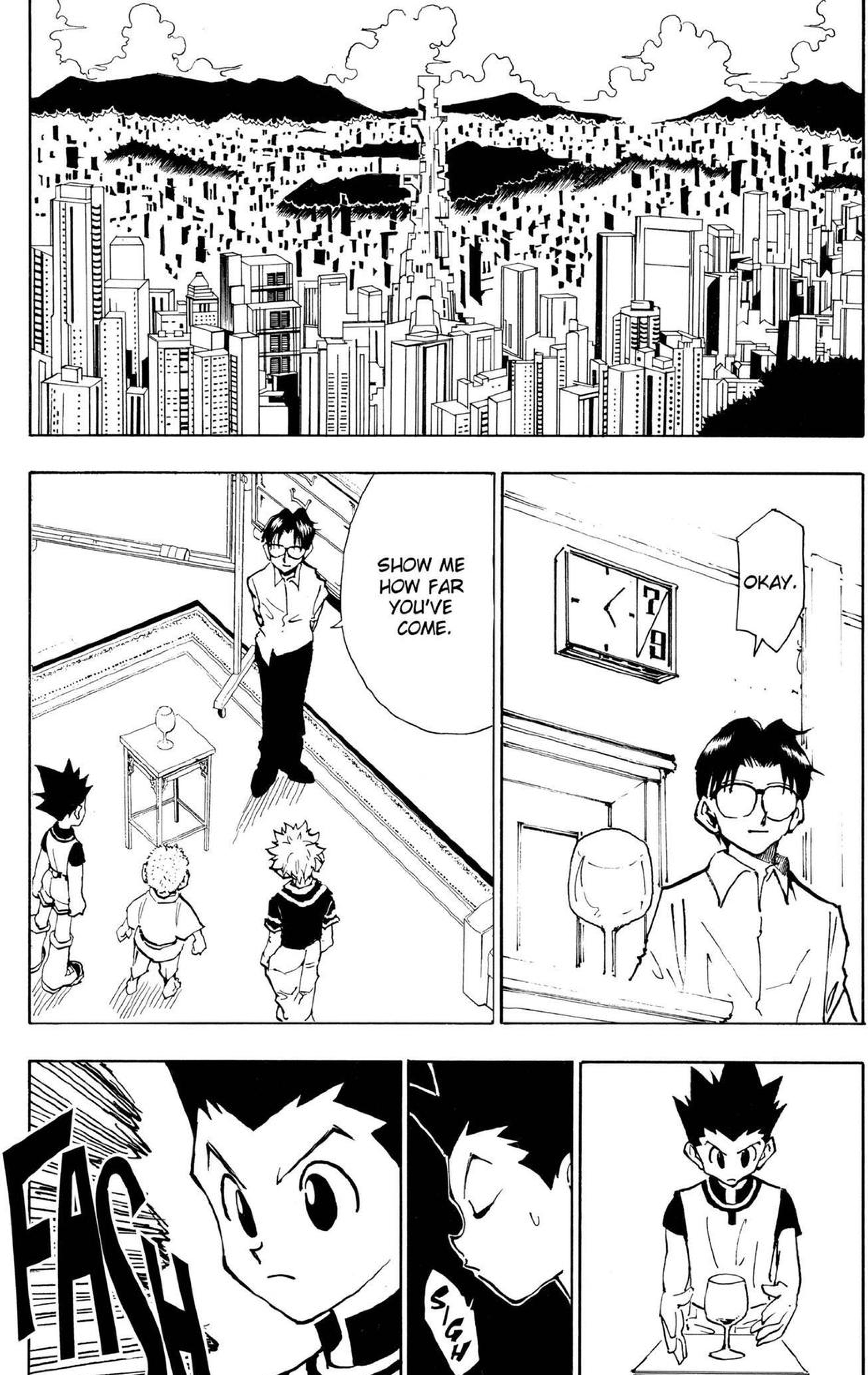
READ THIS WAY

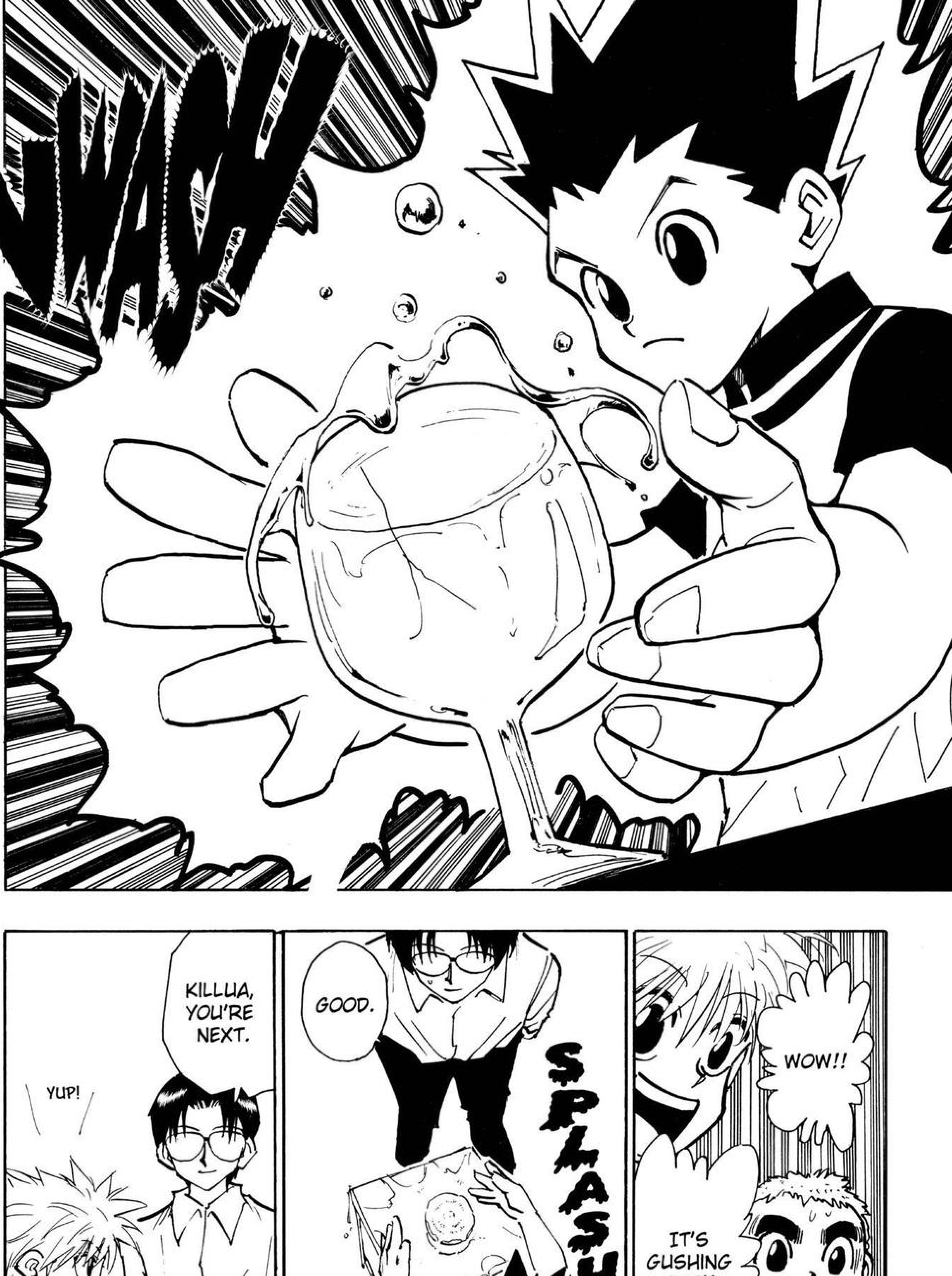

OKAY, MY TURN.
NOTHING CHANGED.
PERHAPS.
?
DON'T I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
SURE YOU DO.
TASTE THE WATER.
IT'S A LITTLE... SWEET!
THIS ISN'T PLAIN WATER?
CHANGING THE TASTE OF THE WATER SHOWS YOU'RE A TRANSMUTER.
NOW WE KNOW WHAT KIND OF AURAS YOU HAVE.

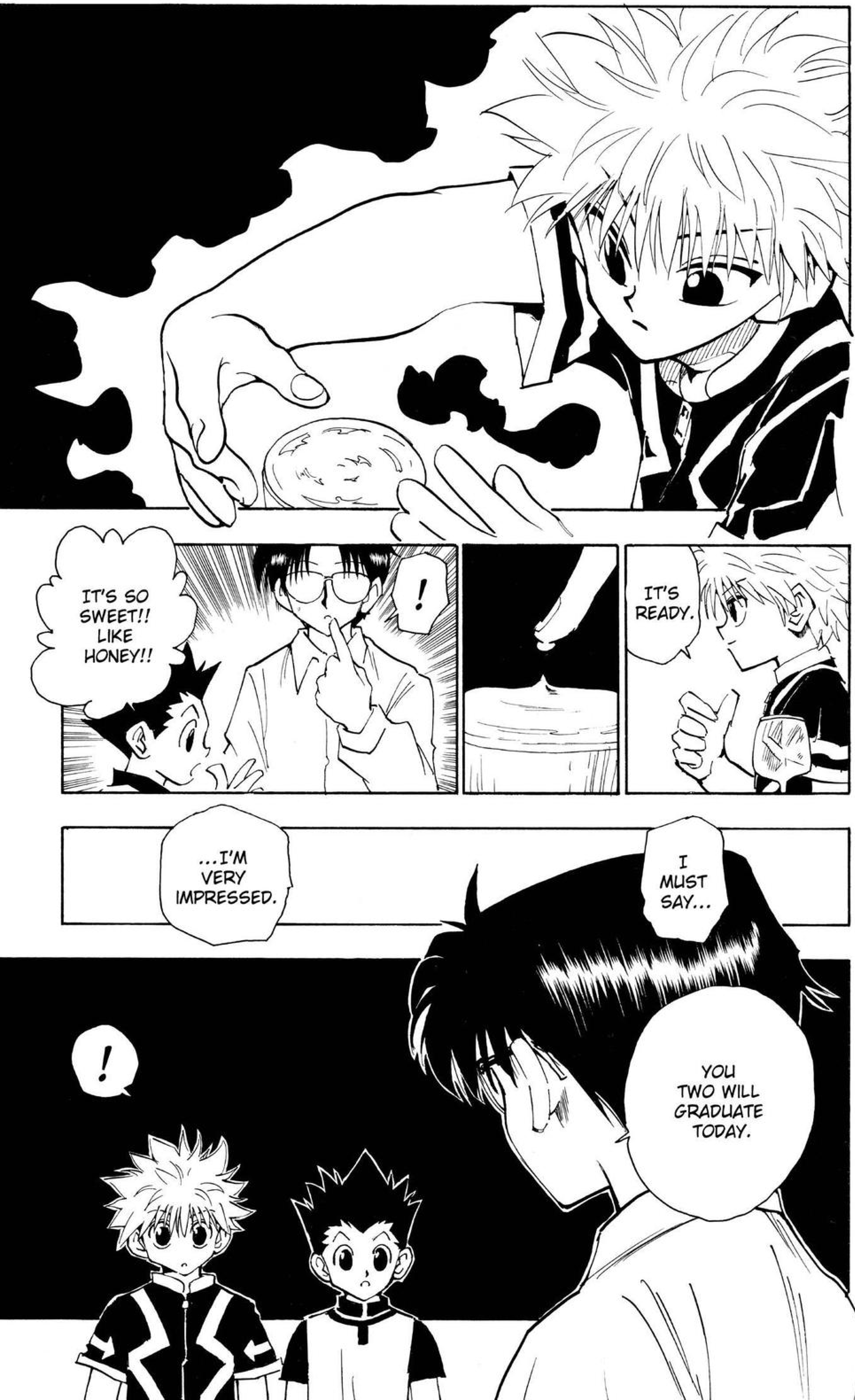

FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS, GIVE THIS YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION. PRACTICE UNTIL YOU CAN MAKE A MORE PRONOUNCED CHANGE.
OSU!

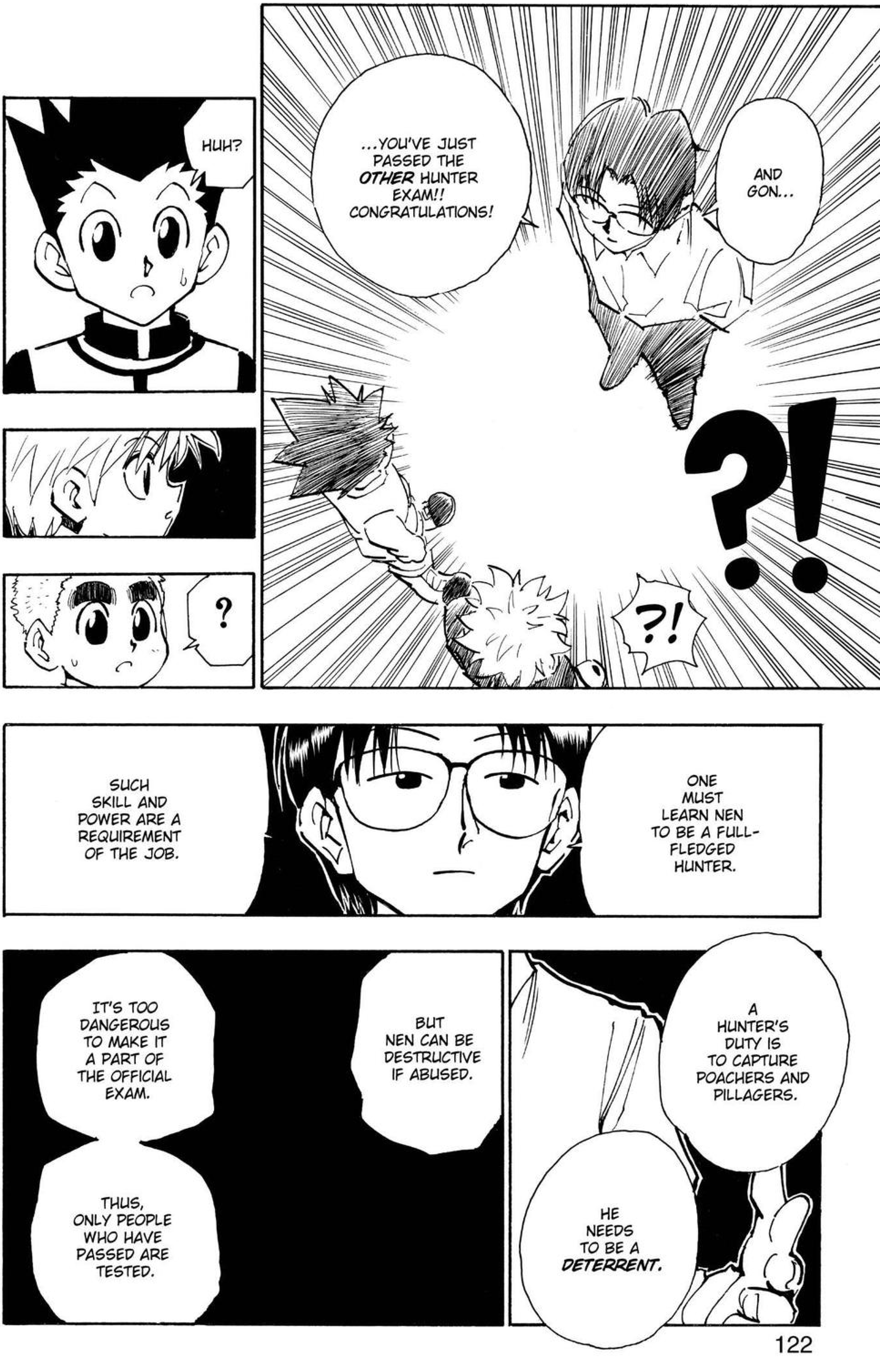

RRNG
CLIK
HELLO, THIS IS GON.
HEY...
HAVE YOU DECIDED?
YEAH.
I'LL SIGN UP FOR JULY 10TH.
LET'S FIGHT IN THE HEAVENS ARENA!
OKAY. ◆

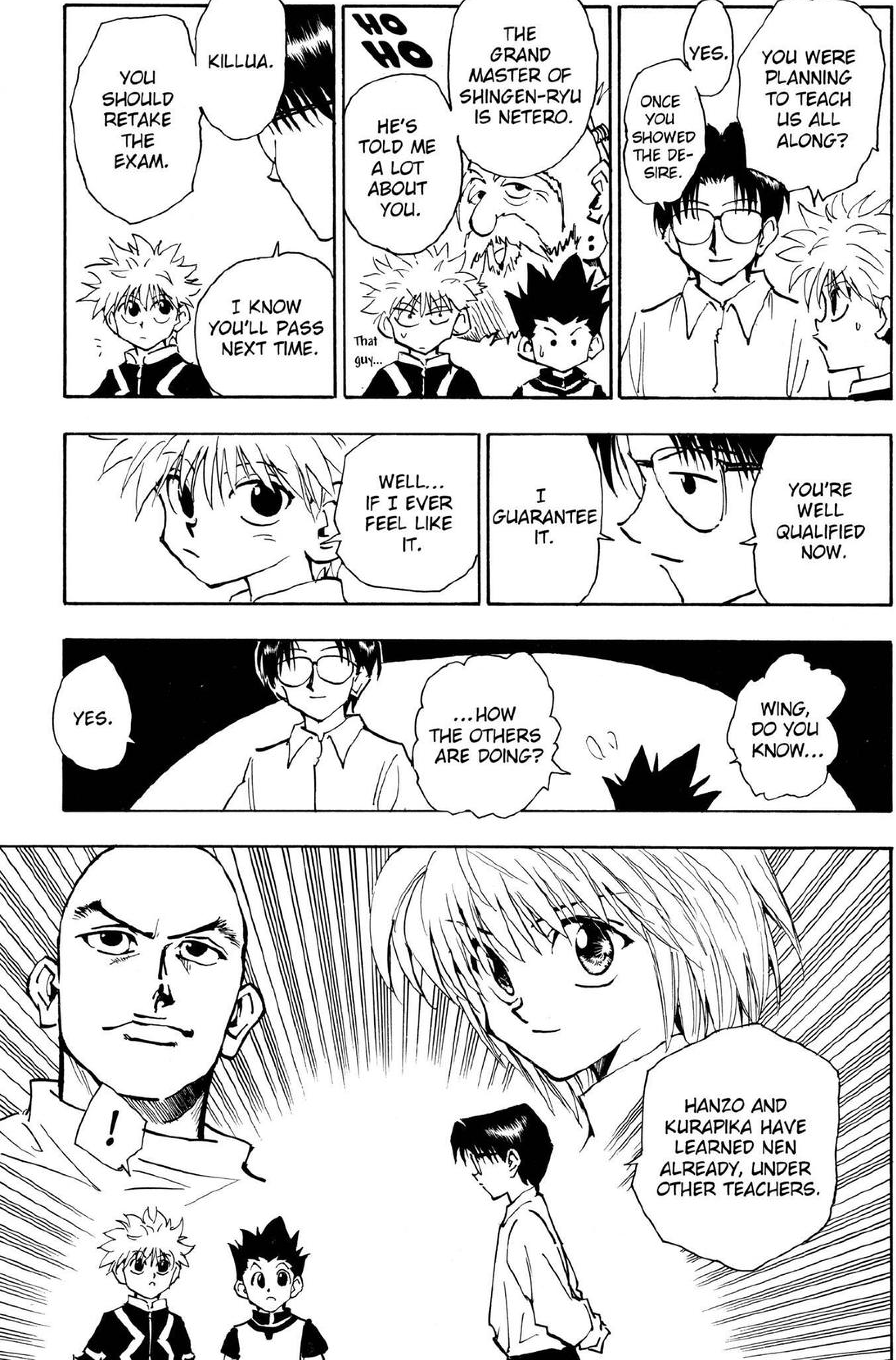

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. ♥

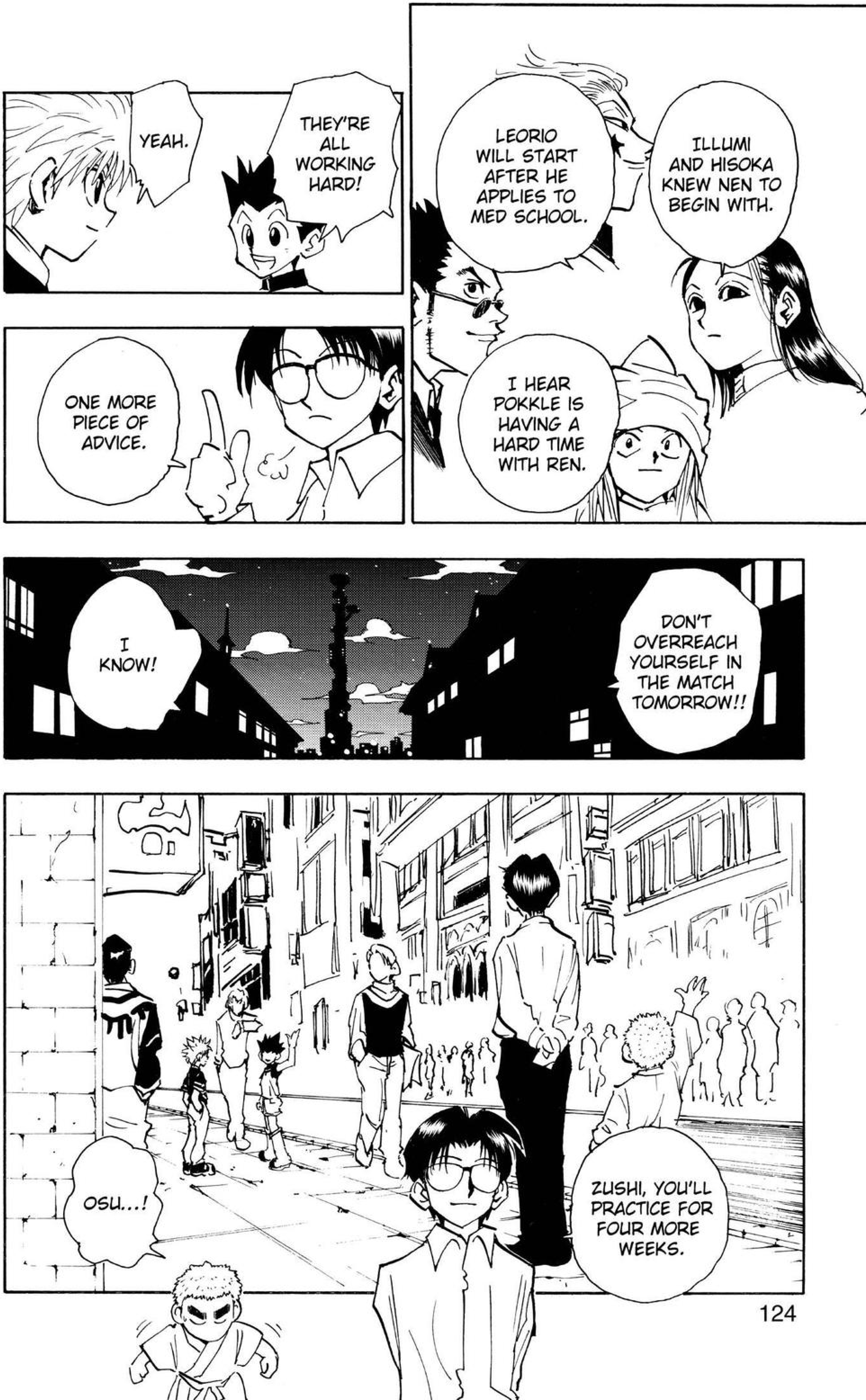

SHOW ME HOW FAR YOU'VE COME.
7/9
OKAY.
FASH
SIGH

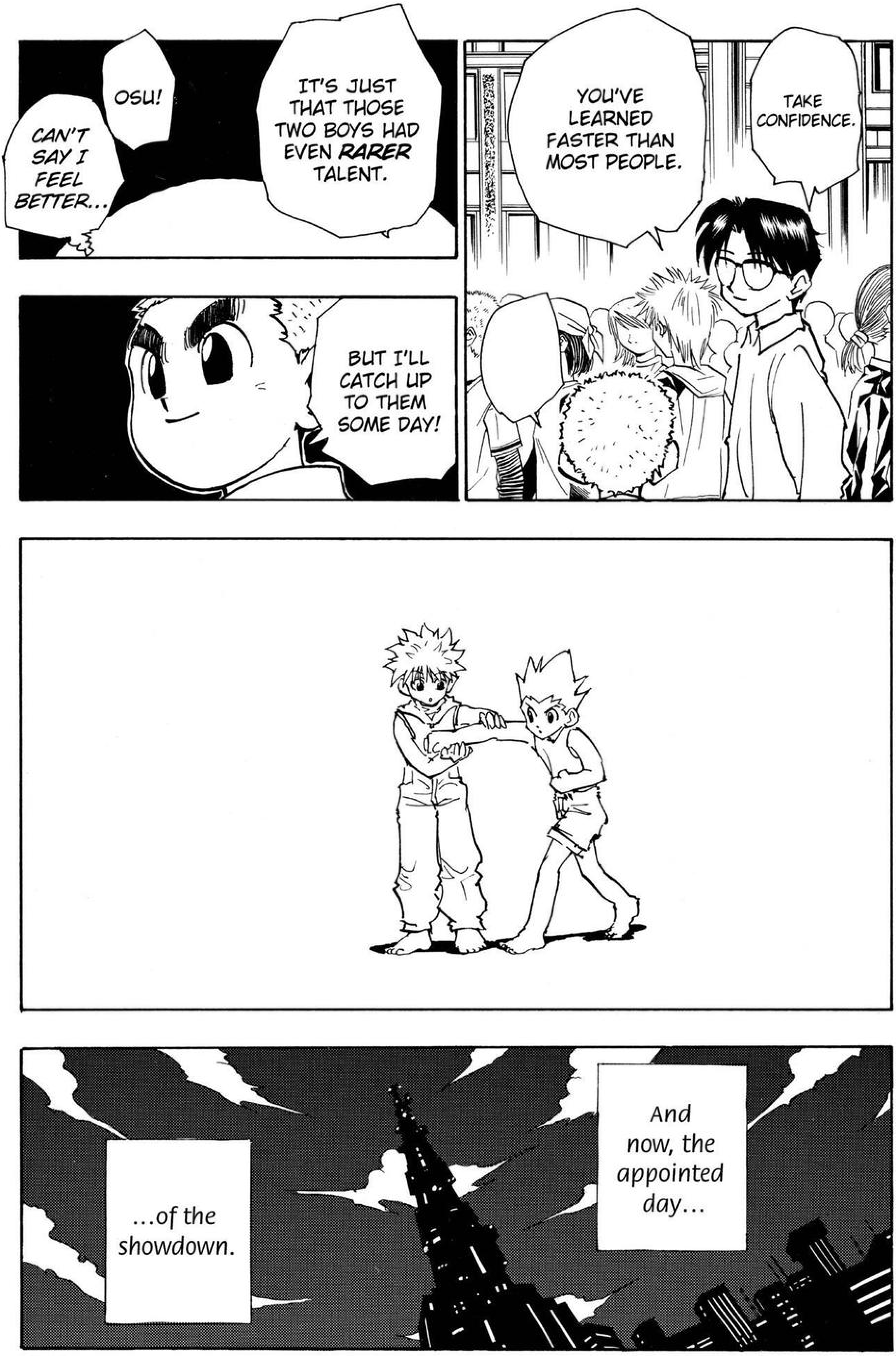

WASH!
WOW!!
IT'S GUSHING OUT!!
GOOD.
SPLASH
KILLUA, YOU'RE NEXT.
YUP!


IT'S READY.
!
IT'S SO SWEET!! LIKE HONEY!!
I MUST SAY...
...I'M VERY IMPRESSED.
YOU TWO WILL GRADUATE TODAY.
!

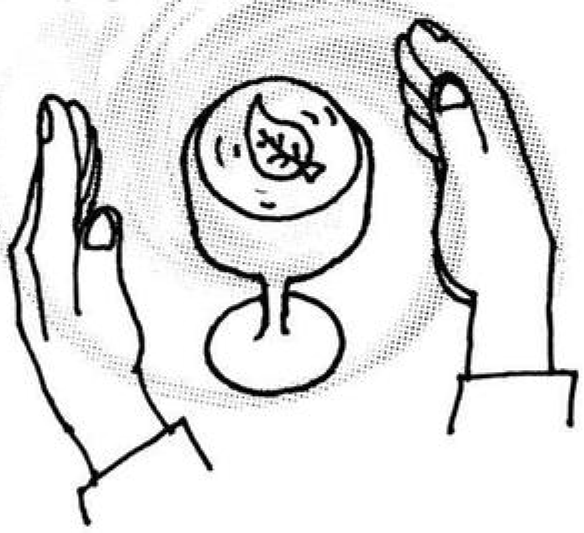

AND GON...
...YOU'VE JUST PASSED THE OTHER HUNTER EXAM!! CONGRATULATIONS!
?!
?!
HUH?
?
ONE MUST LEARN NEN TO BE A FULL-FLEDGED HUNTER.
SUCH SKILL AND POWER ARE A REQUIREMENT OF THE JOB.
A HUNTER'S DUTY IS TO CAPTURE POACHERS AND PILLAGERS.
HE NEEDS TO BE A DETERRENT.
BUT NEN CAN BE DESTRUCTIVE IF ABUSED.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO MAKE IT A PART OF THE OFFICIAL EXAM.
THUS, ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED ARE TESTED.


YOU WERE PLANNING TO TEACH US ALL ALONG?
YES.
ONCE YOU SHOWED THE DESIRE.
HO HO
THE GRAND MASTER OF SHINGEN-RYU IS NETERO.
HE'S TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT YOU.
That guy...
KILLUA.
YOU SHOULD RETAKE THE EXAM.
I KNOW YOU'LL PASS NEXT TIME.
YOU'RE WELL QUALIFIED NOW.
I GUARANTEE IT.
WELL... IF I EVER FEEL LIKE IT.
WING, DO YOU KNOW...
...HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING?
YES.
HANZO AND KURAPIKA HAVE LEARNED NEN ALREADY, UNDER OTHER TEACHERS.
!


ILLUMI AND HISOKA KNEW NEN TO BEGIN WITH.
LEORIO WILL START AFTER HE APPLIES TO MED SCHOOL.
I HEAR POKKLE IS HAVING A HARD TIME WITH REN.
THEY'RE ALL WORKING HARD!
YEAH.
ONE MORE PIECE OF ADVICE.
DON'T OVERREACH YOURSELF IN THE MATCH TOMORROW!!
I KNOW!
ZUSHI, YOU'LL PRACTICE FOR FOUR MORE WEEKS.
OSU...!


TAKE CONFIDENCE.
YOU'VE LEARNED FASTER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
IT'S JUST THAT THOSE TWO BOYS HAD EVEN **RARER** TALENT.
OSU!
CAN'T SAY I FEEL BETTER…
BUT I'LL CATCH UP TO THEM SOME DAY!
And now, the appointed day…
…of the showdown.

WATER DIVINATION AURA SCREENING



FILL A GLASS TO THE BRIM WITH WATER, AND FLOAT A LEAF (OR ANYTHING LIGHT ENOUGH TO FLOAT) ON THE SURFACE. THE CHANGES REVEAL WHAT TYPE OF AURA YOU HAVE.

- THE QUANTITY OF WATER CHANGES ⟶ ENHANCER
- THE COLOR OF WATER CHANGES ⟶ EMITTER
- THE LEAF MOVES ⟶ MANIPULATOR
- IMPURITIES APPEAR IN THE WATER ⟶ CONJURER
- THE TASTE OF THE WATER CHANGES ⟶ TRANSMUTER
- OTHER CHANGES ⟶ SPECIALIST

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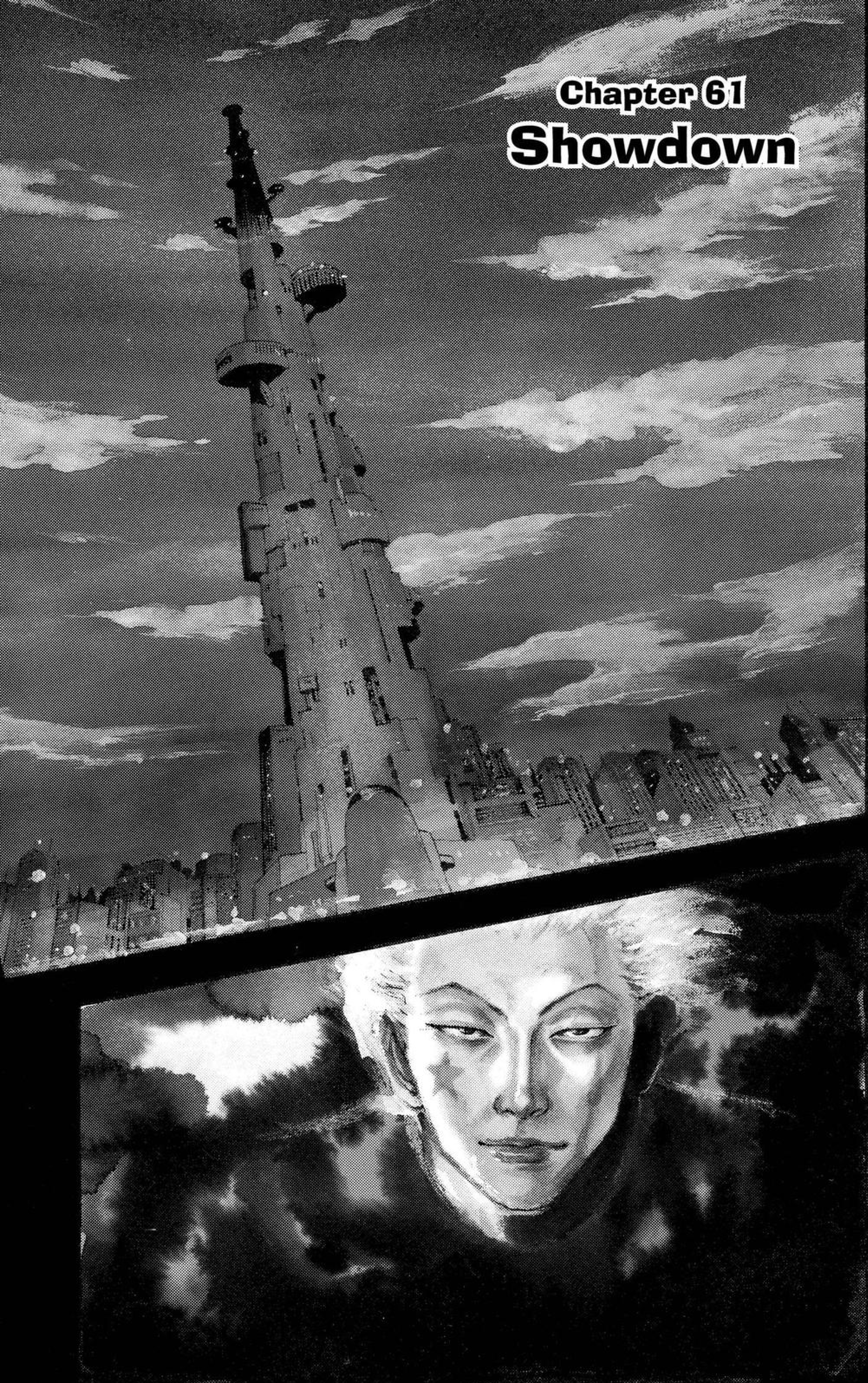
Showdown



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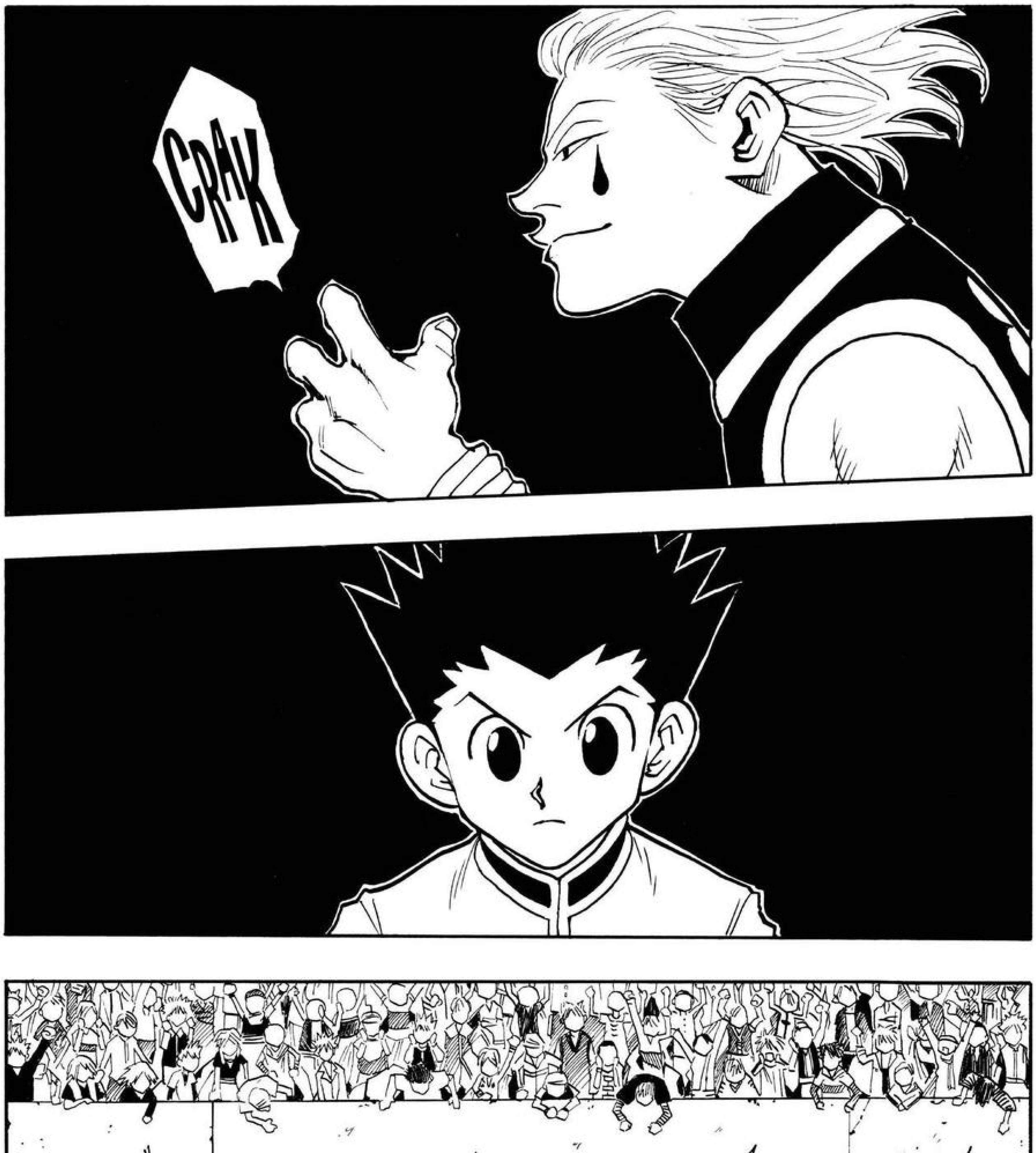
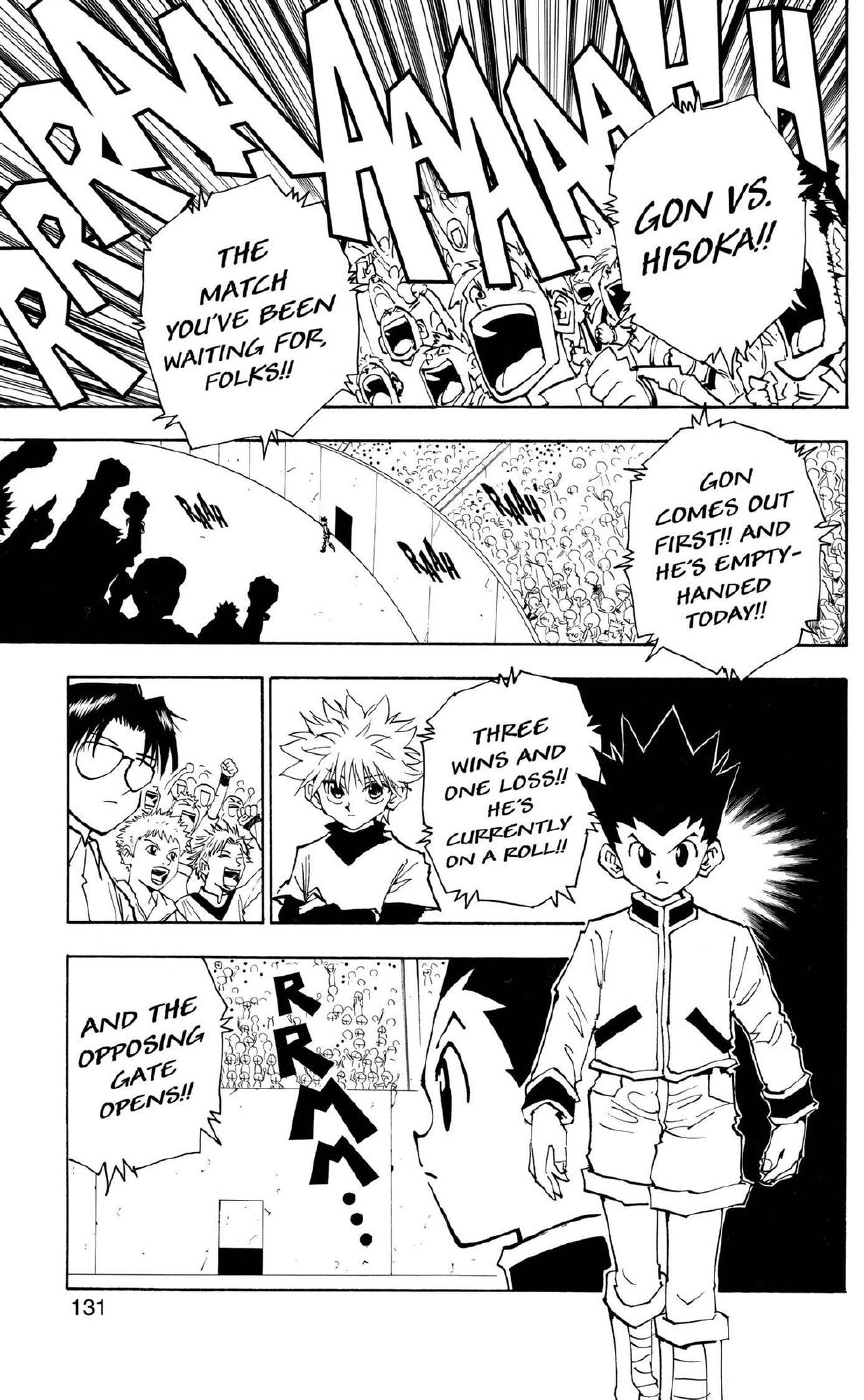
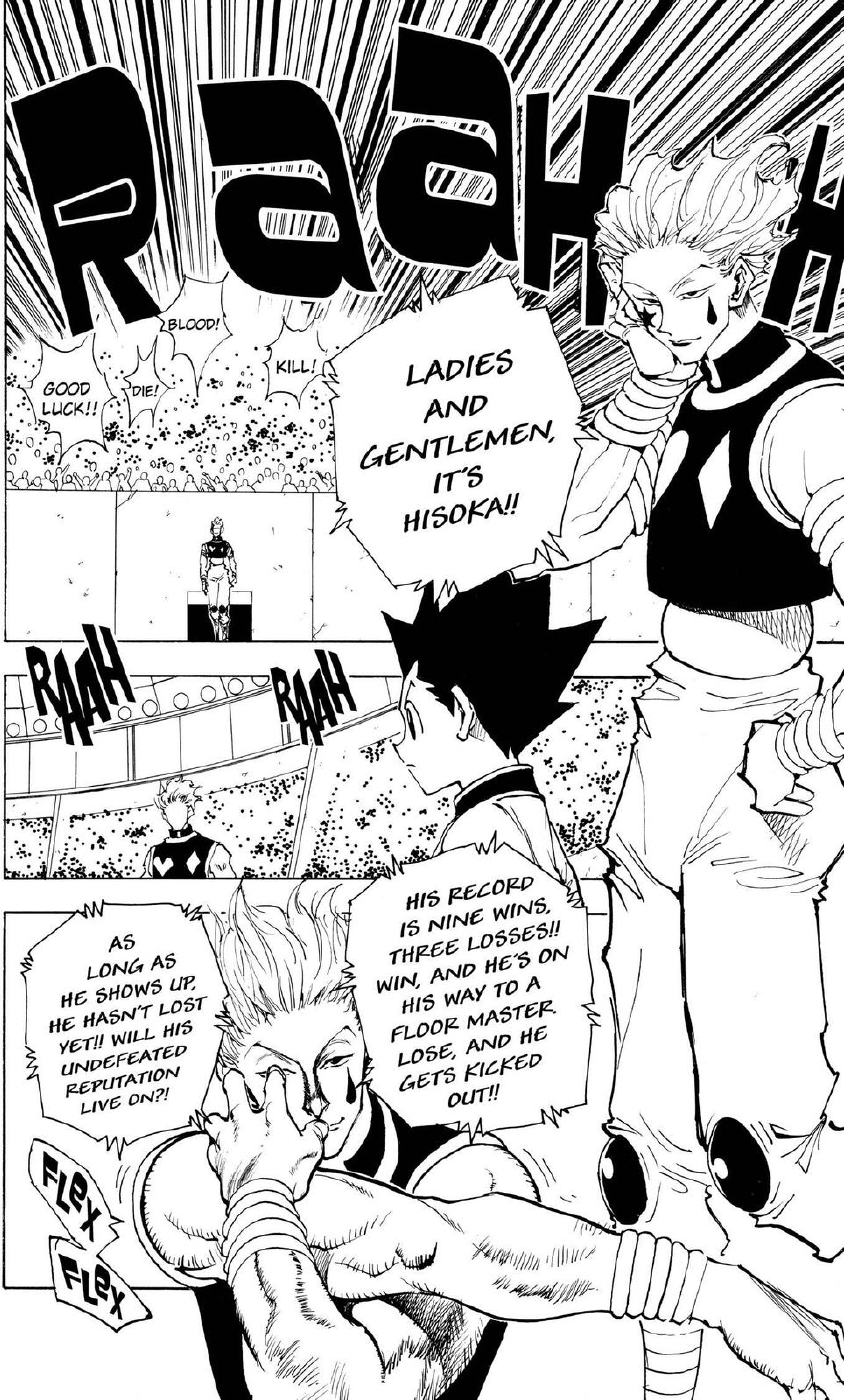
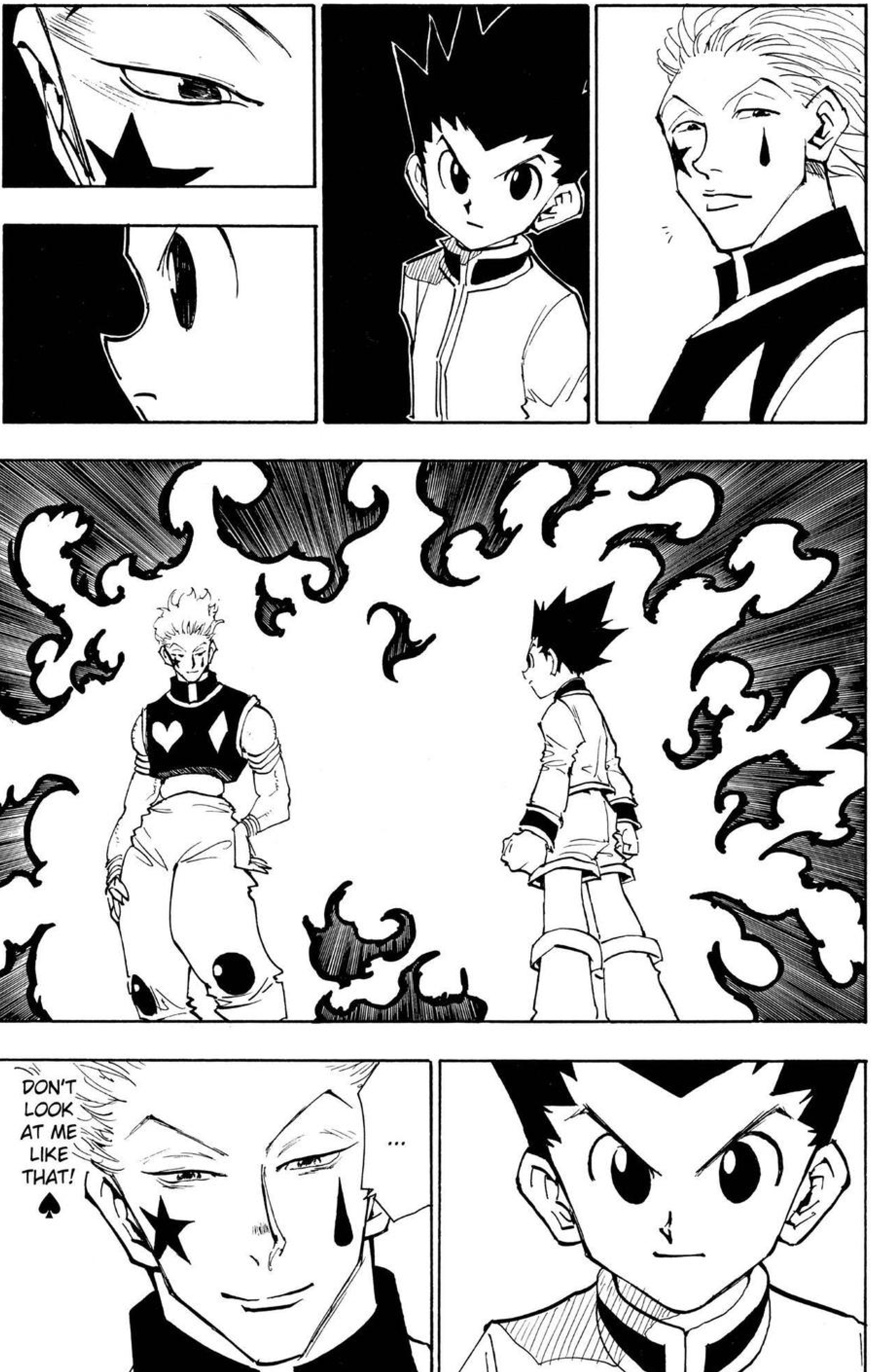
Showdown

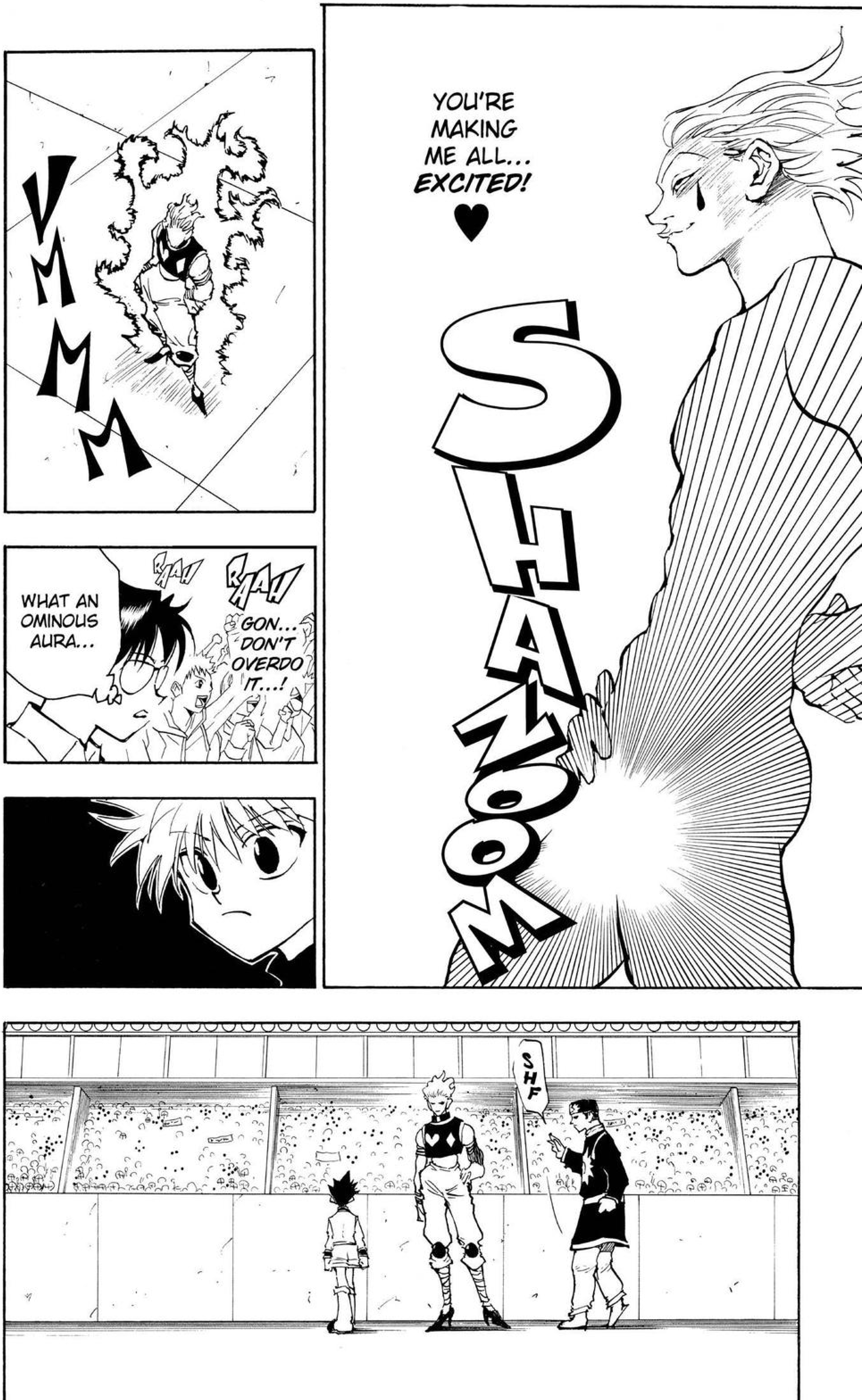

CRAK
RRMM
ISN'T IT TIME YET?!
GET GOING!
OOH, HERE THEY ARE!!

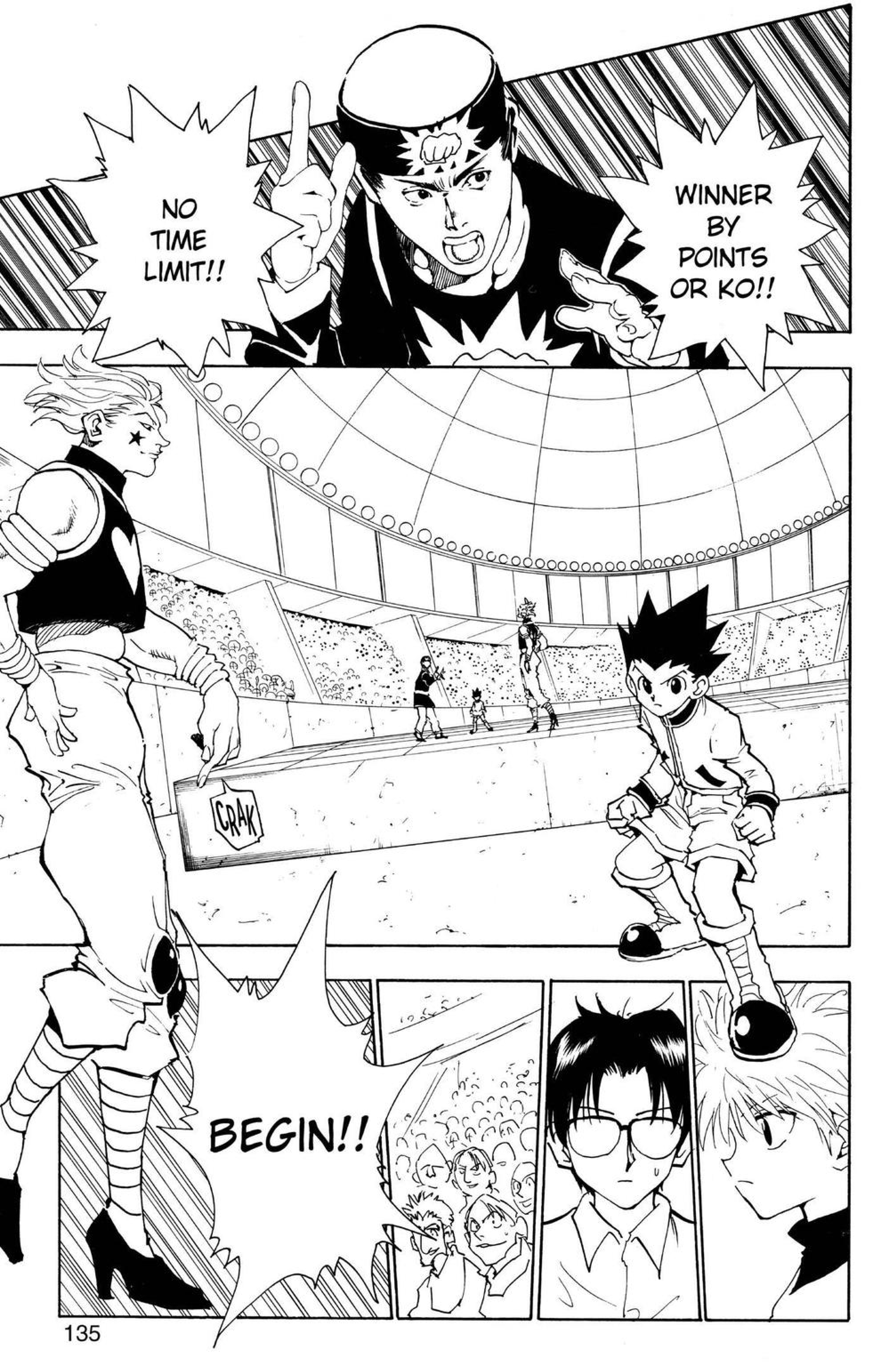

RRRAAAAAAAAAH!!
GON VS. HISOKA!!
THE MATCH YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, FOLKS!!
GON COMES OUT FIRST!! AND HE'S EMPTY-HANDED TODAY!!
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
THREE WINS AND ONE LOSS!! HE'S CURRENTLY ON A ROLL!!
RRMM...
AND THE OPPOSING GATE OPENS!!

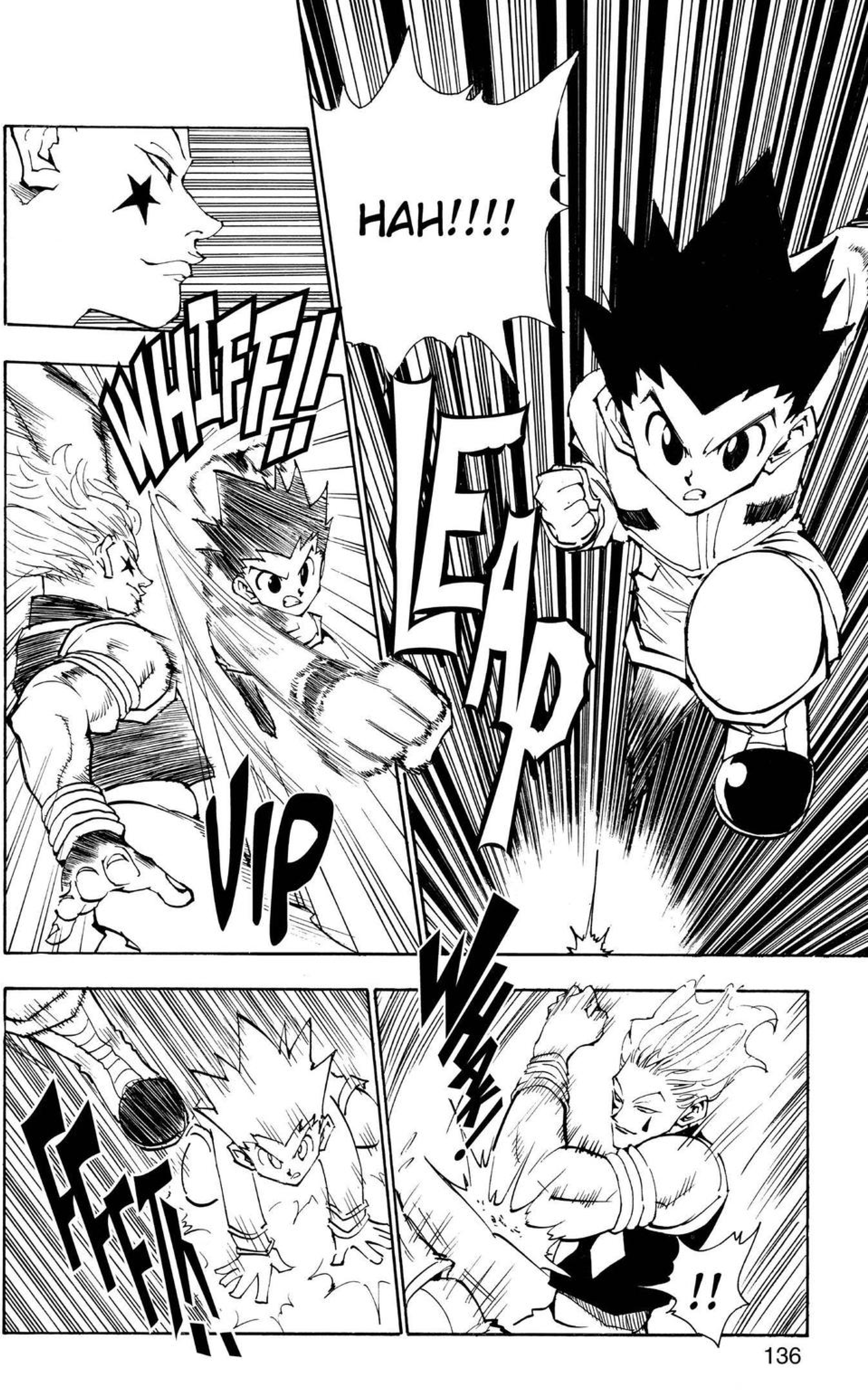

RAAH
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S HISOKA!!
KILL!
BLOOD!
DIE!
GOOD LUCK!!
RAAH
RAAH
HIS RECORD IS NINE WINS, THREE LOSSES!! WIN, AND HE'S ON HIS WAY TO A FLOOR MASTER. LOSE, AND HE GETS KICKED OUT!!
AS LONG AS HE SHOWS UP, HE HASN'T LOST YET!! WILL HIS UNDEFEATED REPUTATION LIVE ON?!
FLEX
FLEX

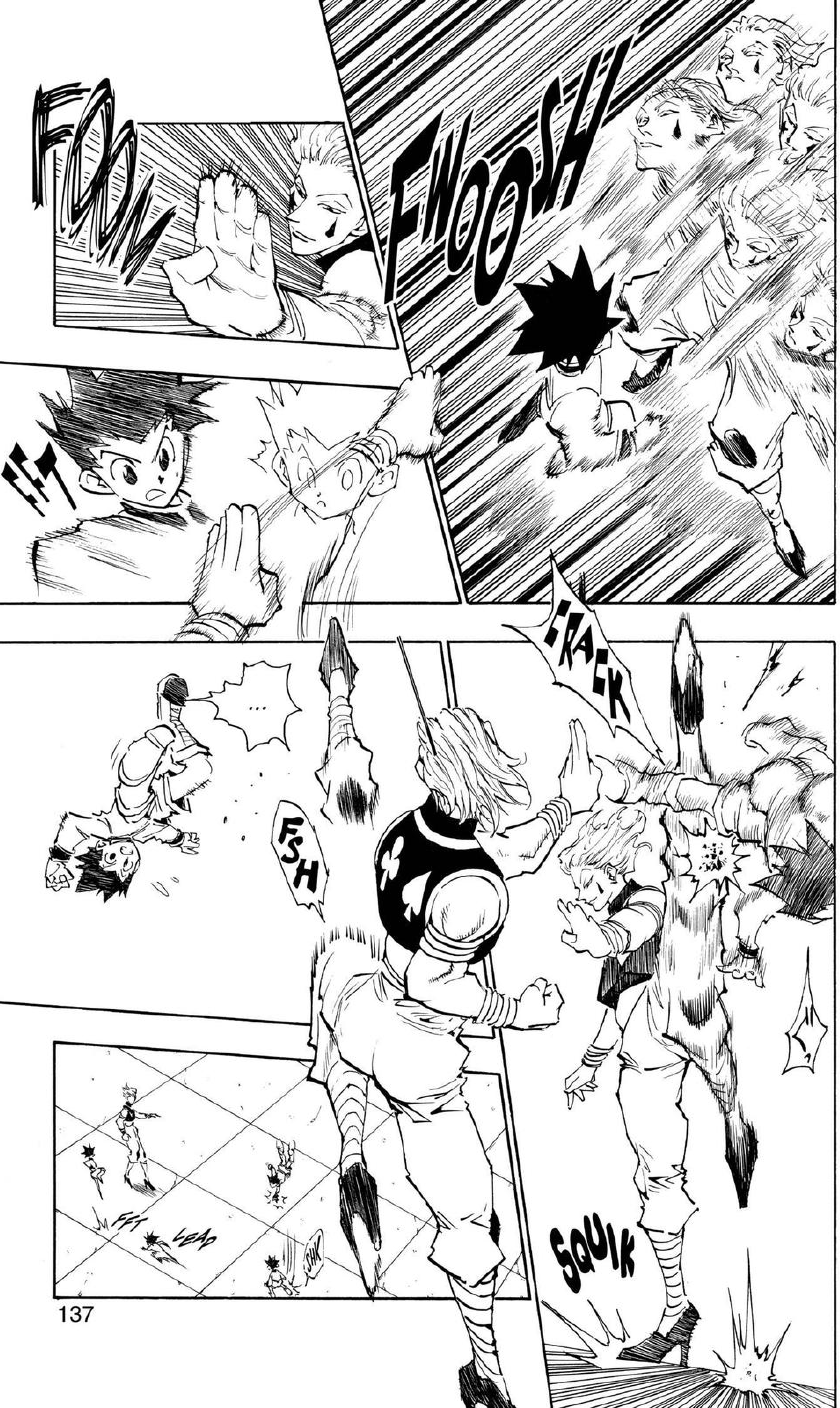
READ THIS WAY

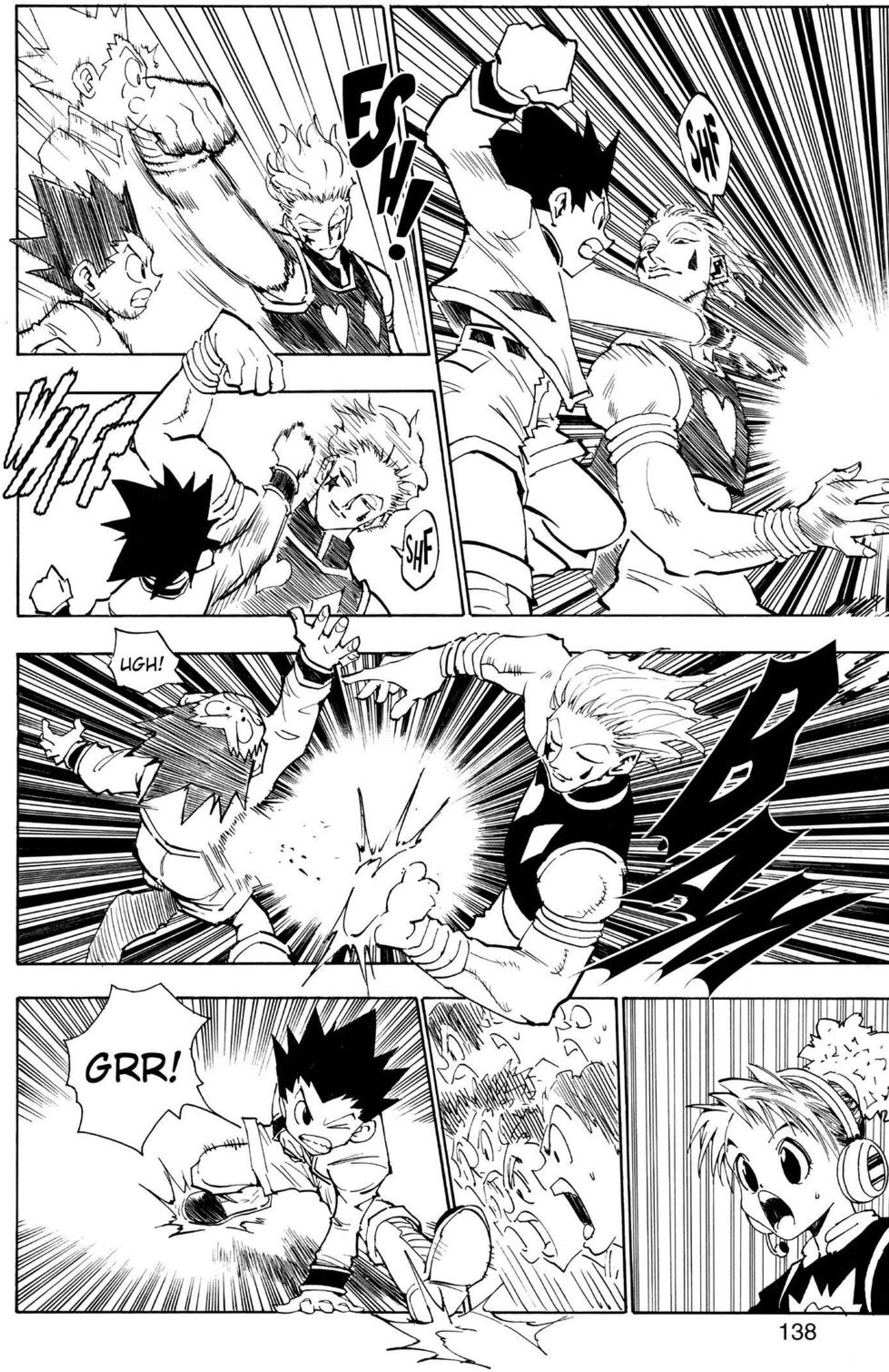

...
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT! ♠

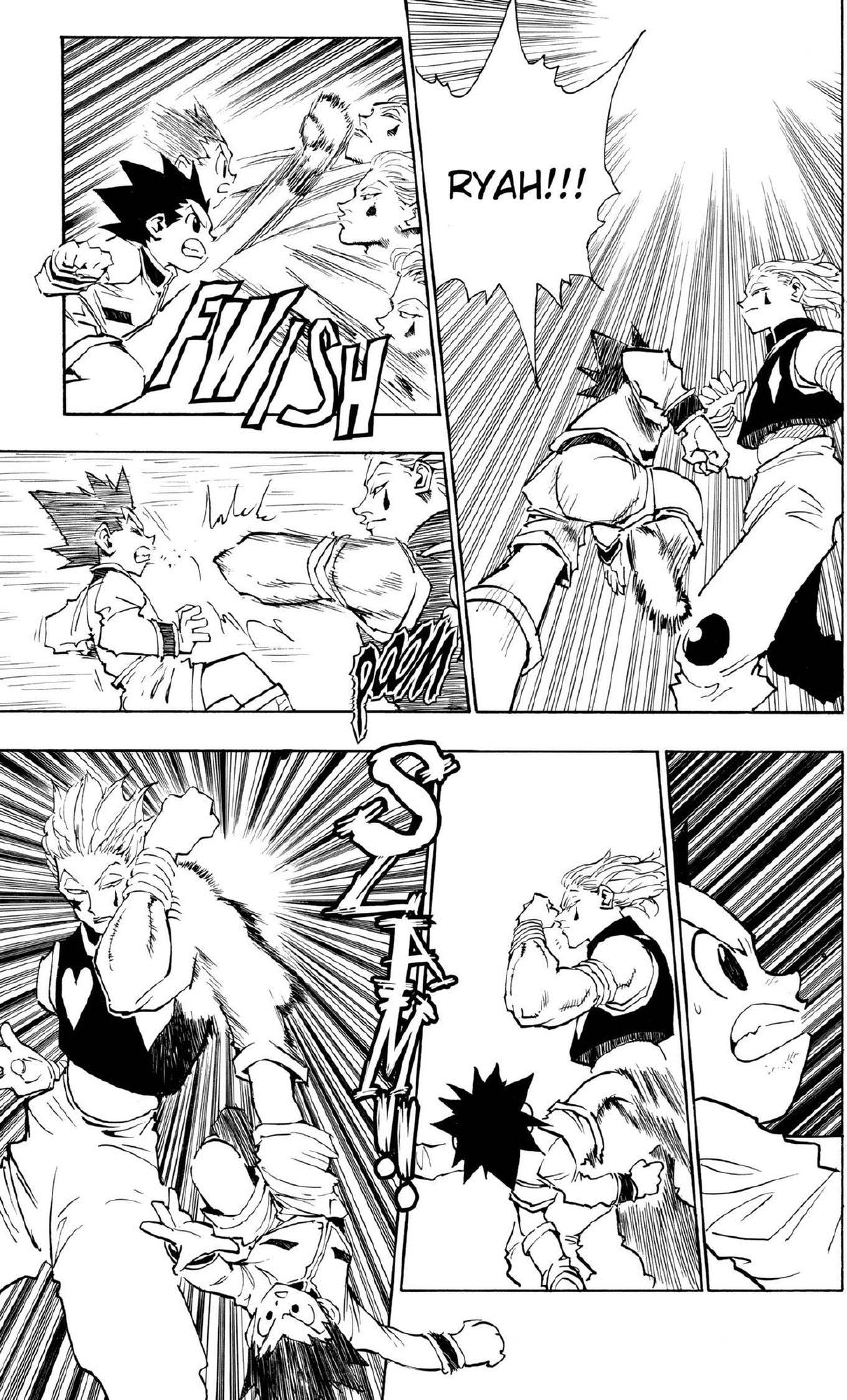

YOU'RE MAKING ME ALL... EXCITED! ♥
SHANOOM
VMMMM
RAAH
RAAH
GON... DON'T OVERDO IT...!
WHAT AN OMINOUS AURA...
SHF

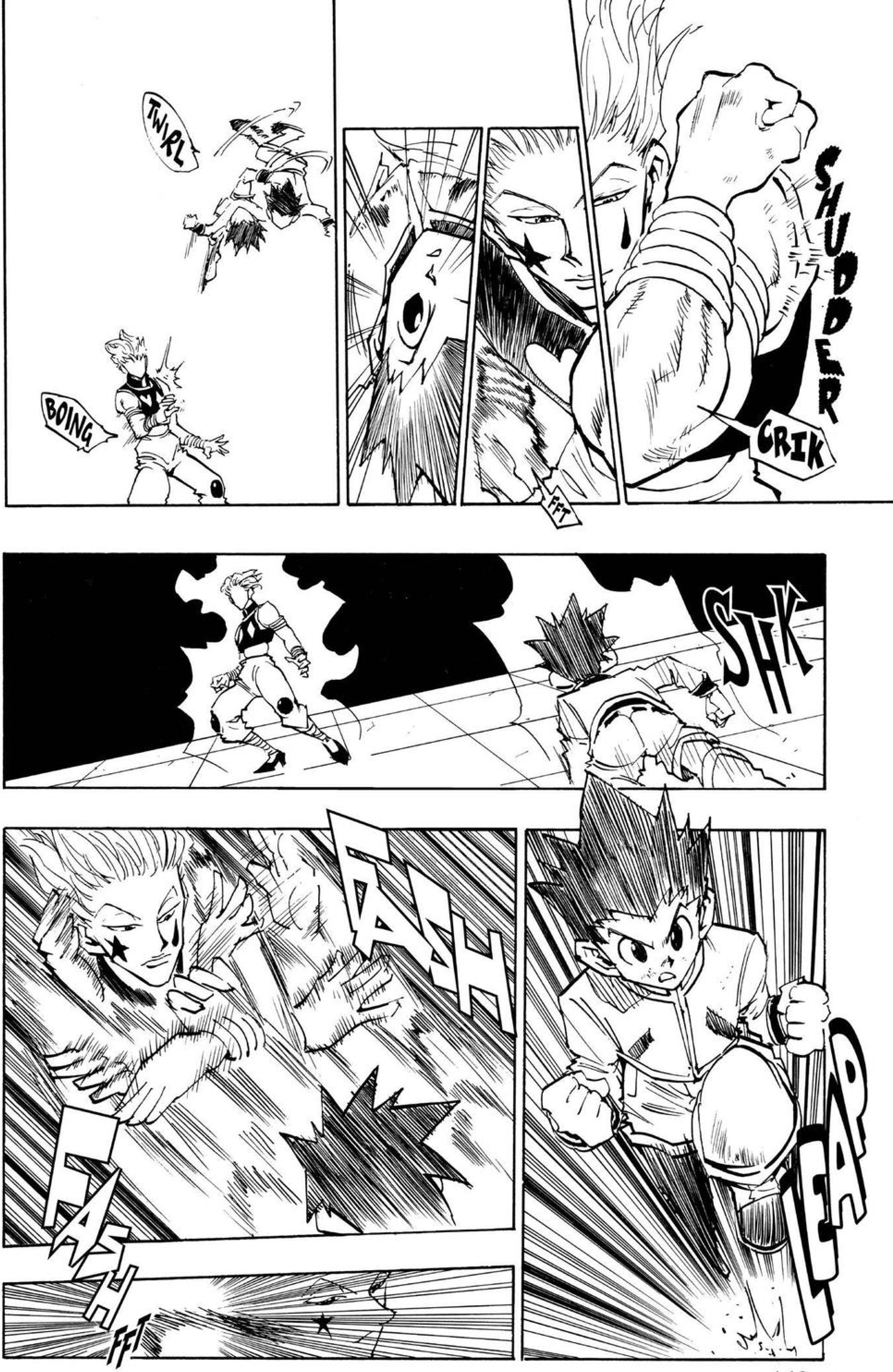

WINNER BY POINTS OR KO!!
NO TIME LIMIT!!
CRAK
BEGIN!!

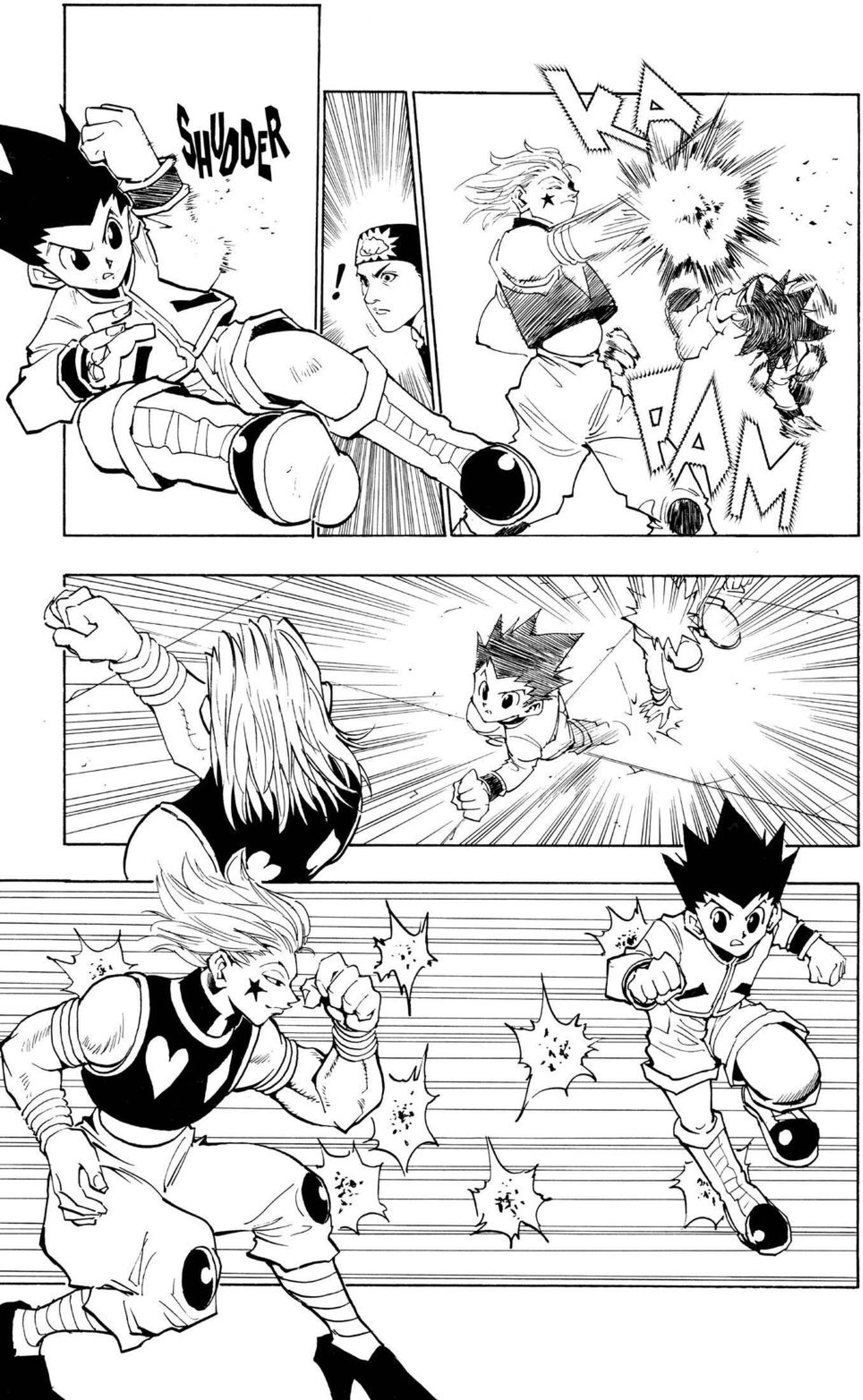

HAH!!!!
LEAP
WHIFF!!
VIP
WHAM!
!!
FFFTA!!

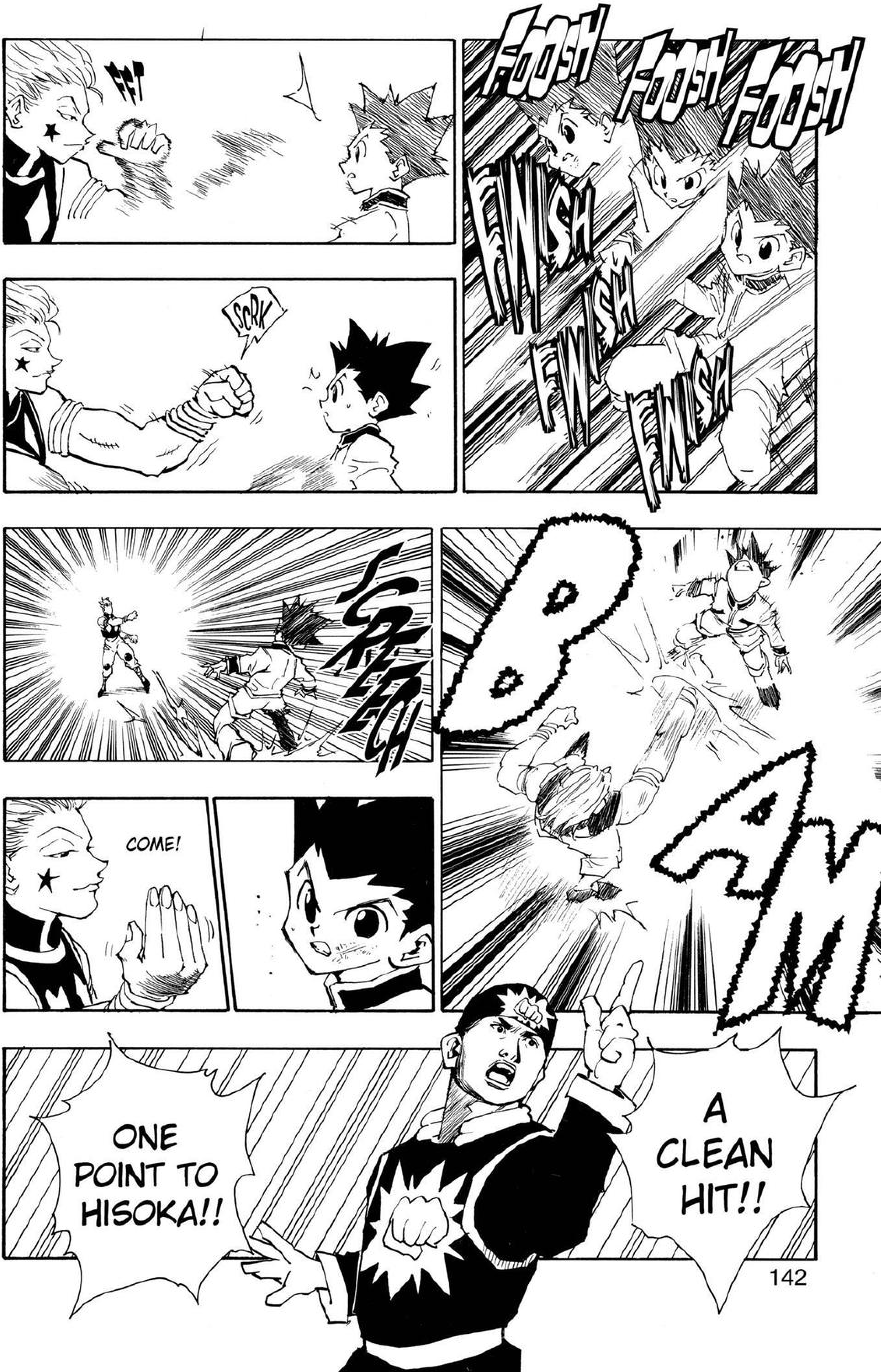

FWOOSH
FOOW
FFT
CRACK
FSH
...
SQUIK
SHK
LEAP
FFT

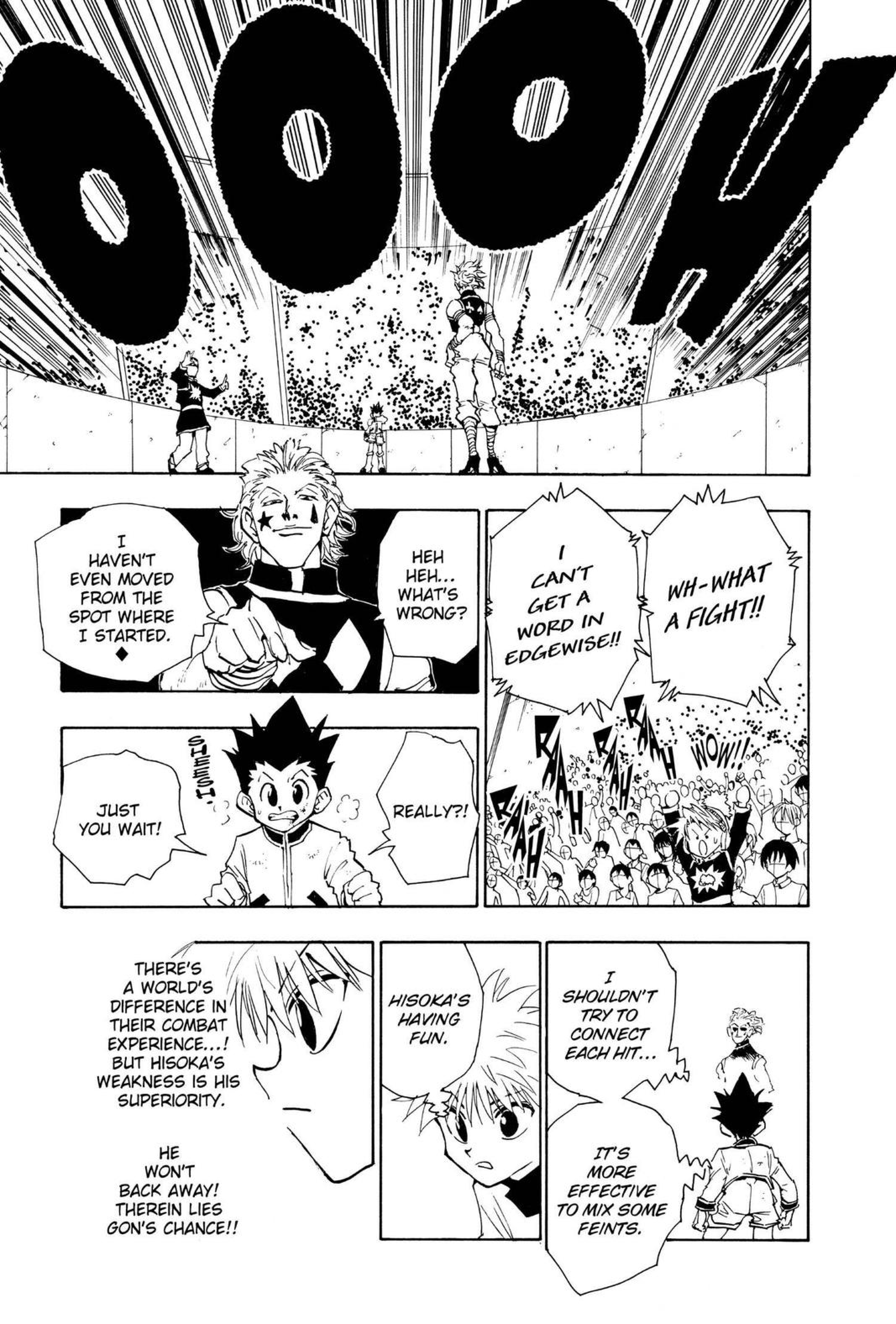

SHF
FSH!
WHFF
SHF
BAM
UGH!
GRR!

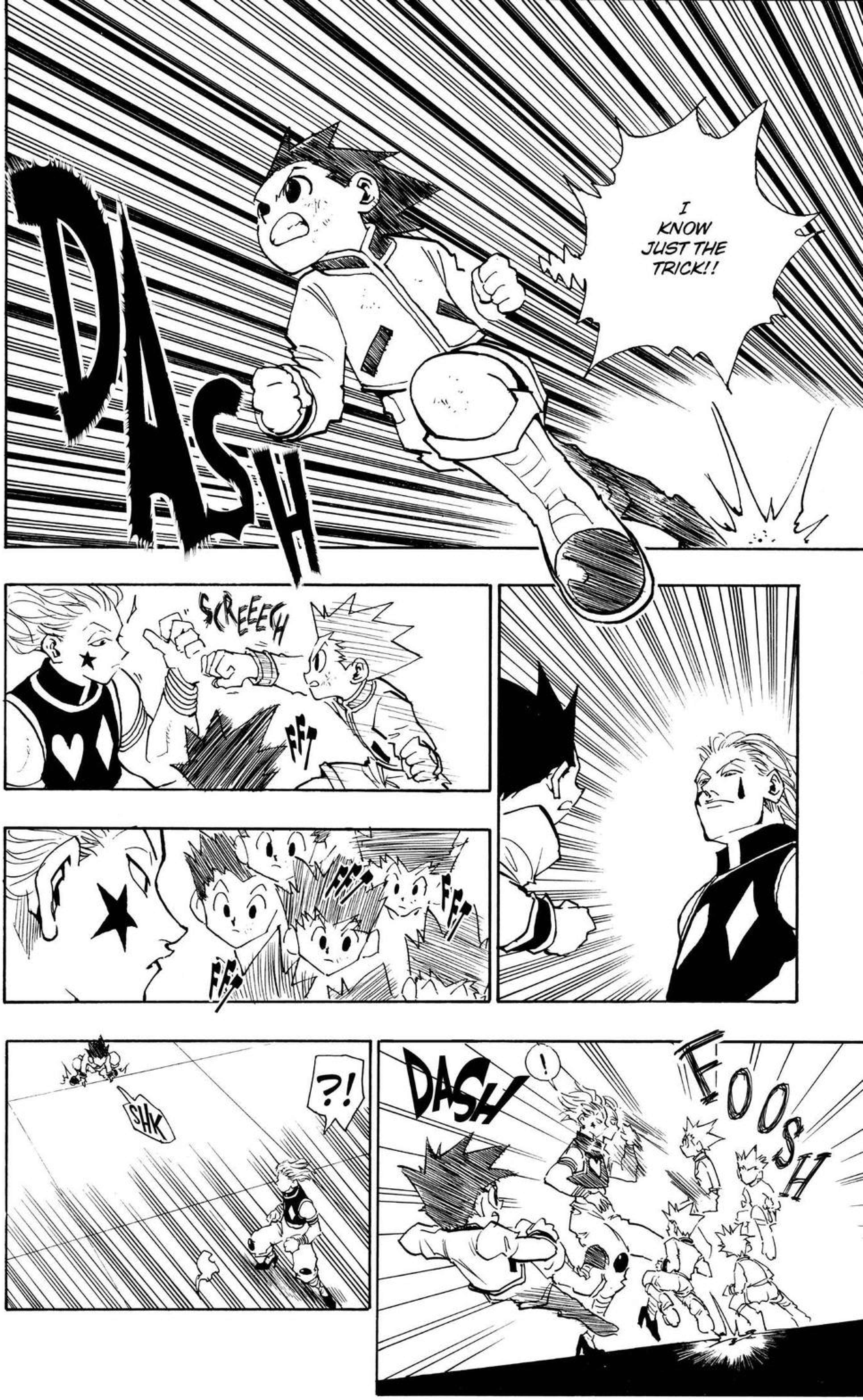

RYAH!!!
FWISH
POOM
SLAM

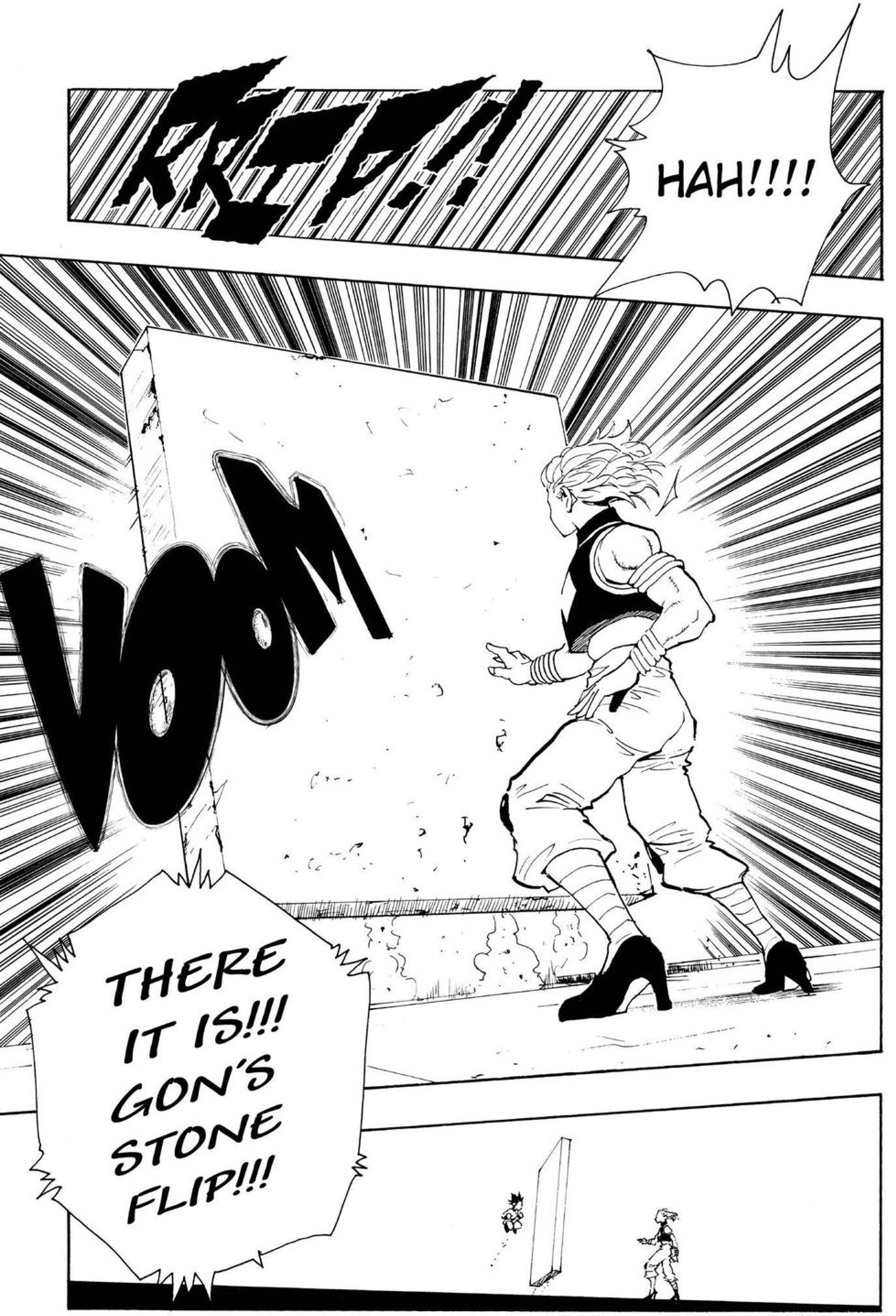

SHUDDER
CRIK
FFT
TWIRL
BOING
SHK
LEAP
FASH
FASH
FFT

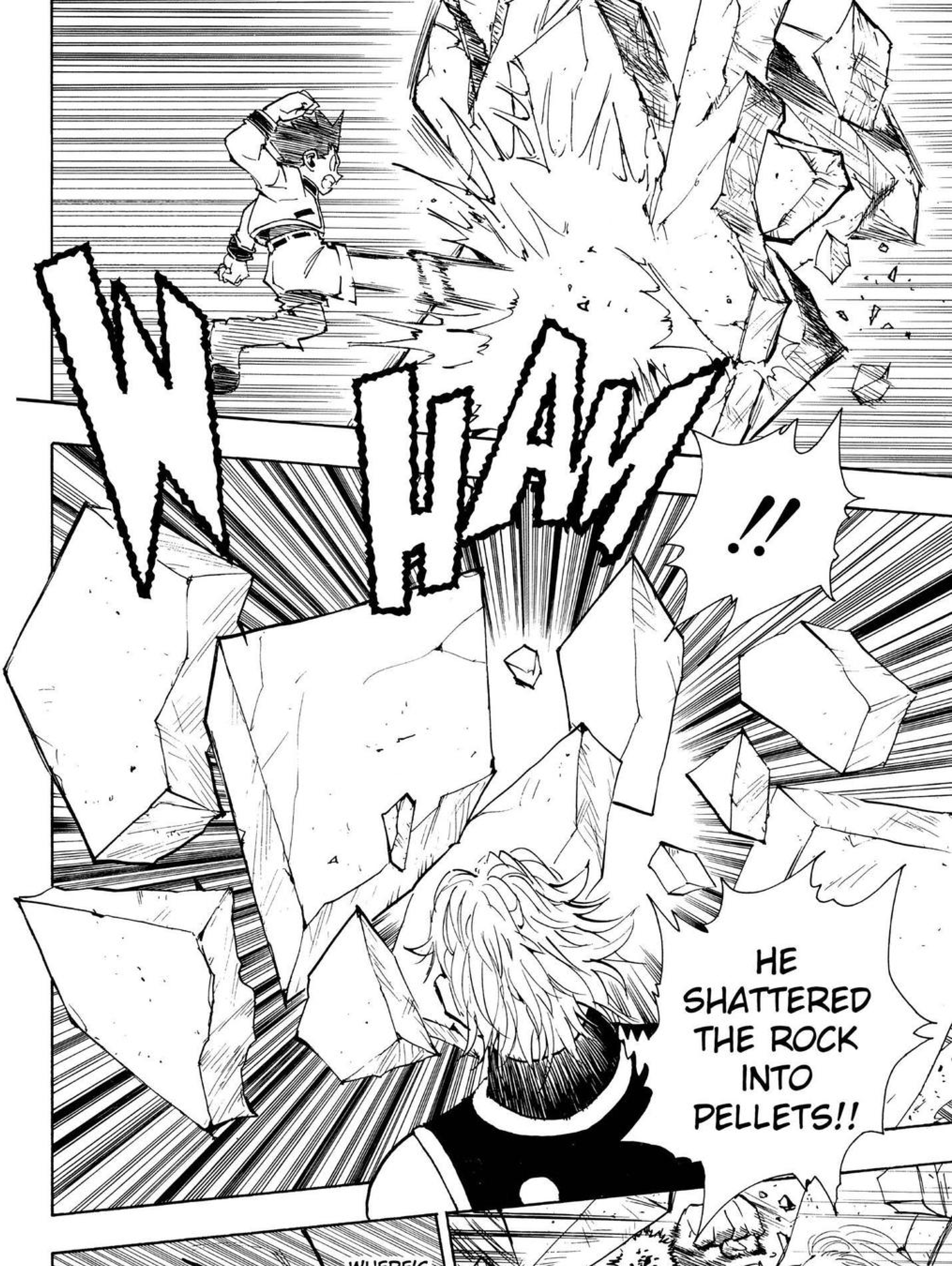

KA
BAM
!
SHUDDER

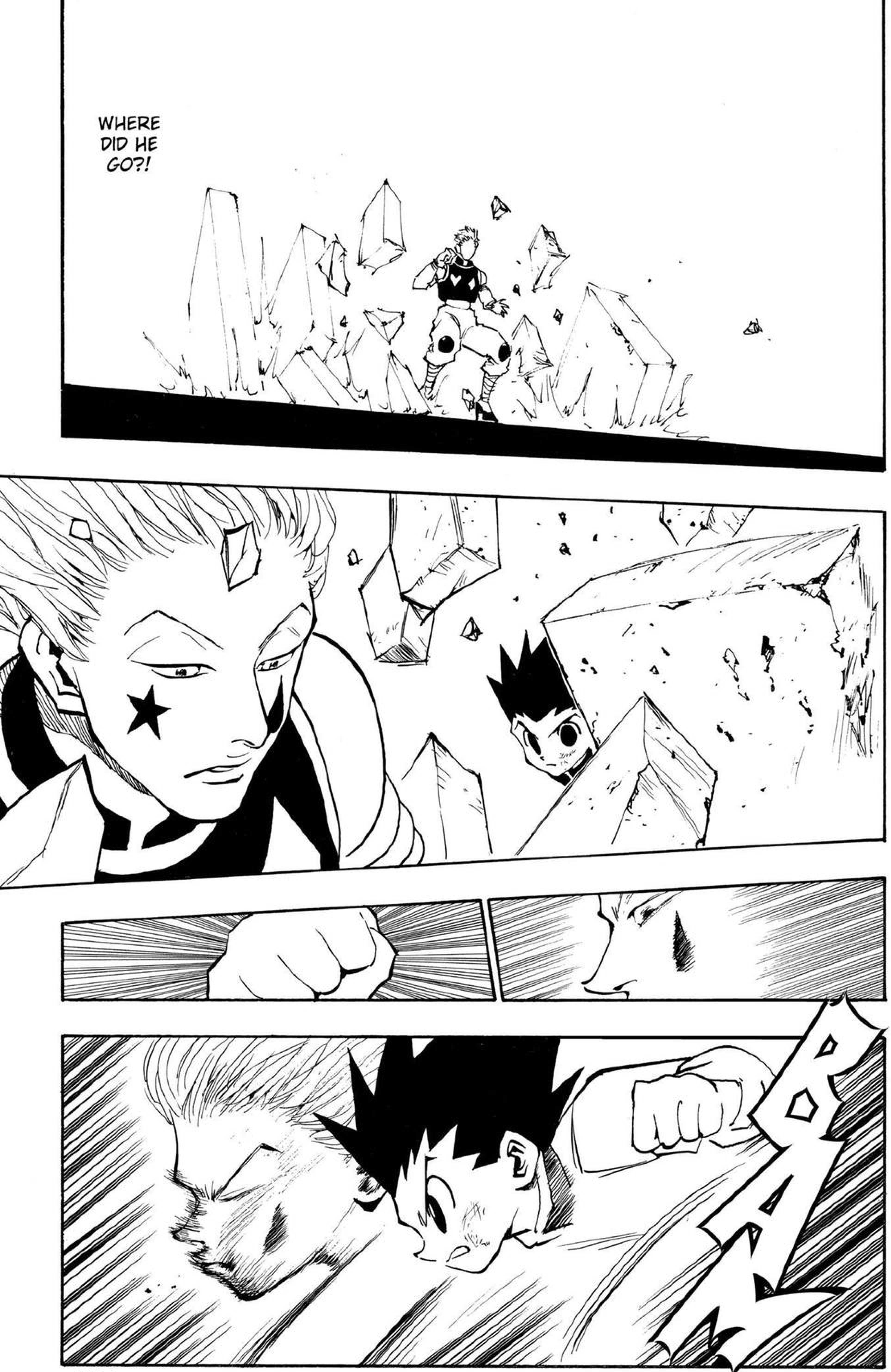

FOOSH
FOOSH
FOOSH
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
FFT
SCRK
BAM
SCREECH
COME!
A CLEAN HIT!!
ONE POINT TO HISOKA!!

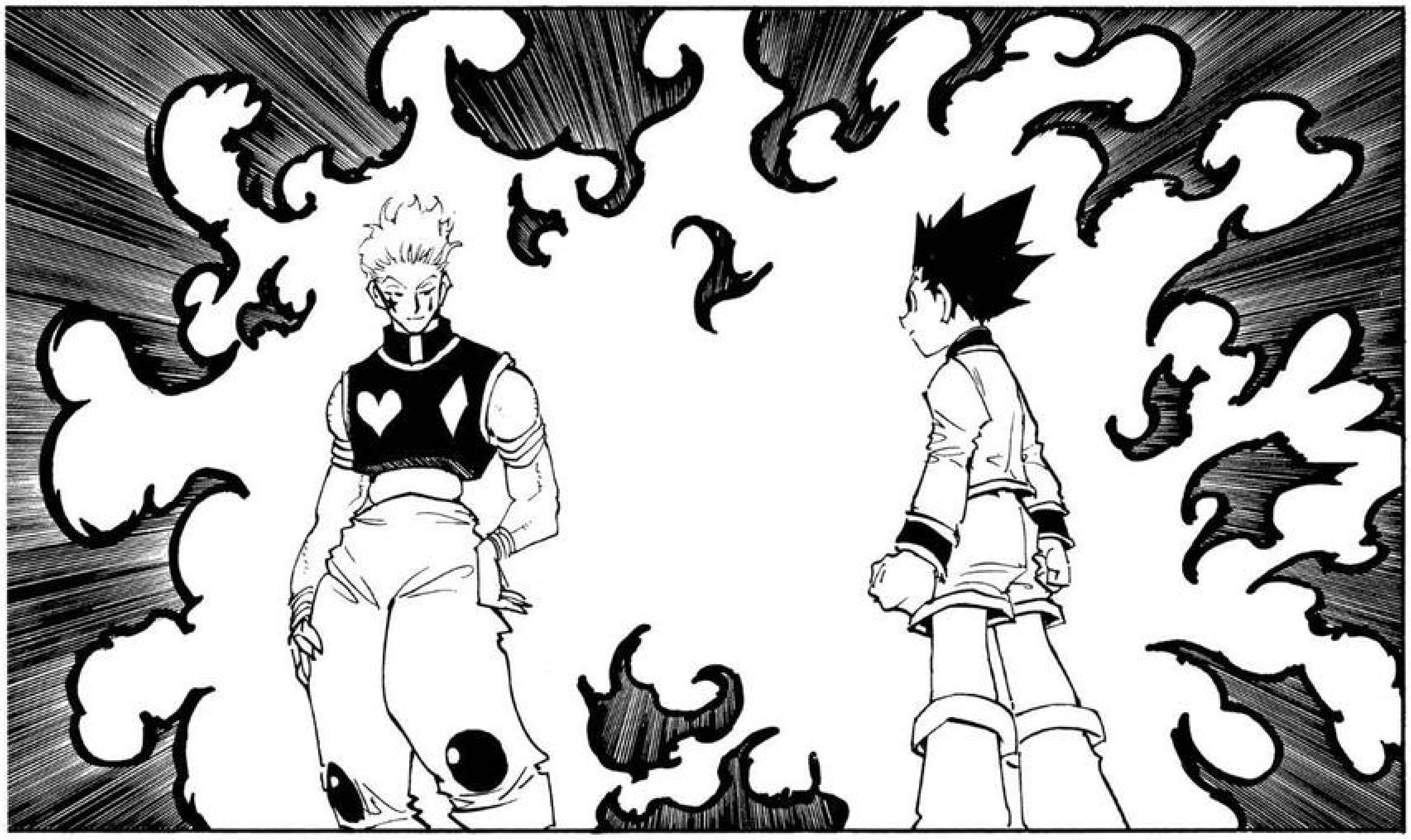

OOOH
WH-WHAT A FIGHT!!
I CAN'T GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE!!
RAAAH
RAAH
RAAAH
RAAAH
WOW!!
HEH HEH... WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAVEN'T EVEN MOVED FROM THE SPOT WHERE I STARTED. ◆
REALLY?!
SHEESH!
JUST YOU WAIT!
I SHOULDN'T TRY TO CONNECT EACH HIT...
IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE TO MIX SOME FEINTS.
HISOKA'S HAVING FUN.
THERE'S A WORLD'S DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMBAT EXPERIENCE...! BUT HISOKA'S WEAKNESS IS HIS SUPERIORITY.
HE WON'T BACK AWAY! THEREIN LIES GON'S CHANCE!!


I KNOW JUST THE TRICK!!
DASH
SCREEECH
FFT
FFT
FFT
FFT
FFT
FOOSH
!
DASH
?!
SHK


HAH!!!!
KREEP!!
VOOM
THERE IT IS!!! GON'S STONE FLIP!!!


WHAM
!!
HE SHATTERED THE ROCK INTO PELLETS!!
WHERE'S GON?!


WHERE DID HE GO?!
BAM



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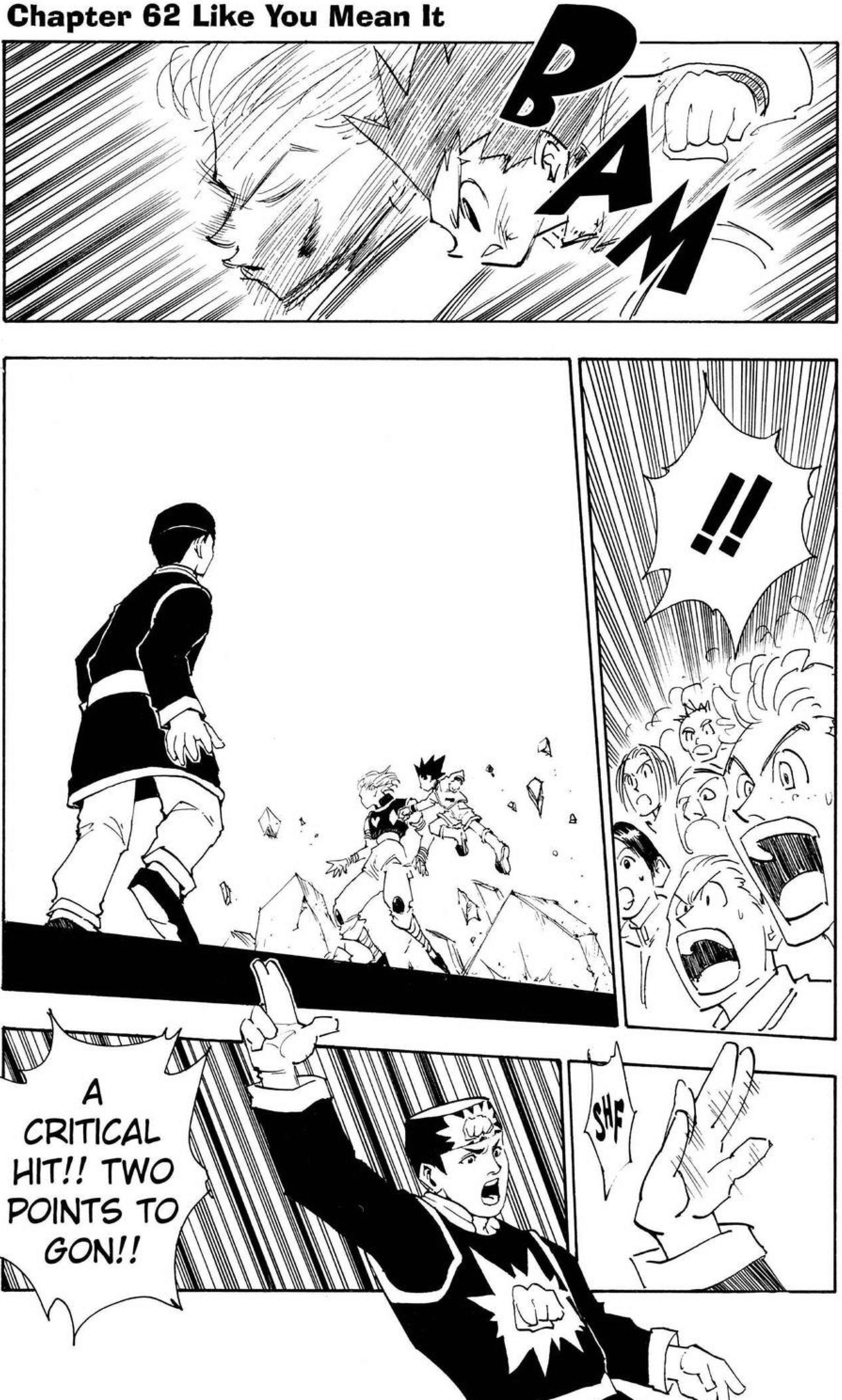
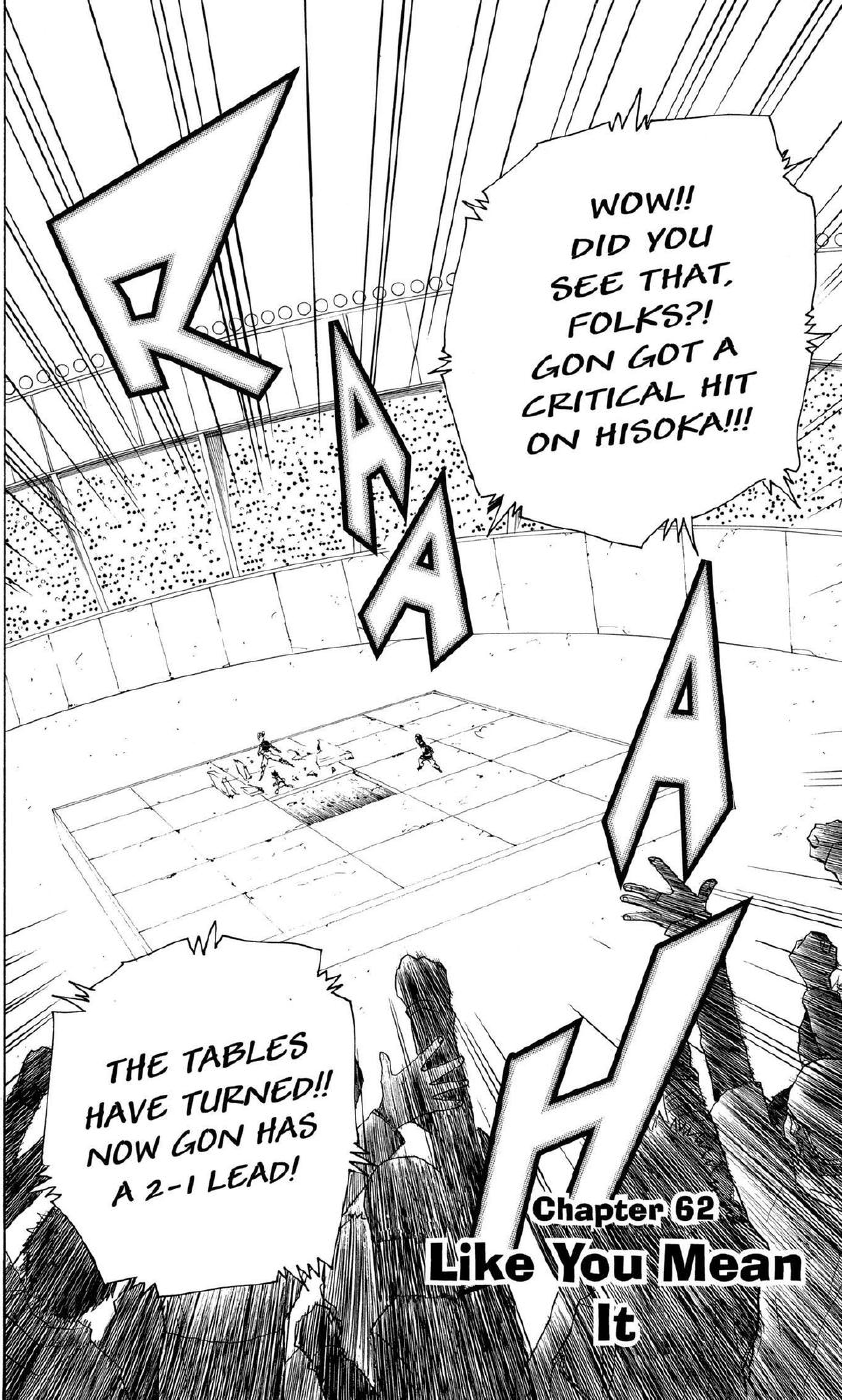

BAM
!!
A CRITICAL HIT!! TWO POINTS TO GON!!
SHF


RAAAAH
WOW!! DID YOU SEE THAT, FOLKS?! GON GOT A CRITICAL HIT ON HISOKA!!!
THE TABLES HAVE TURNED!! NOW GON HAS A 2-1 LEAD!

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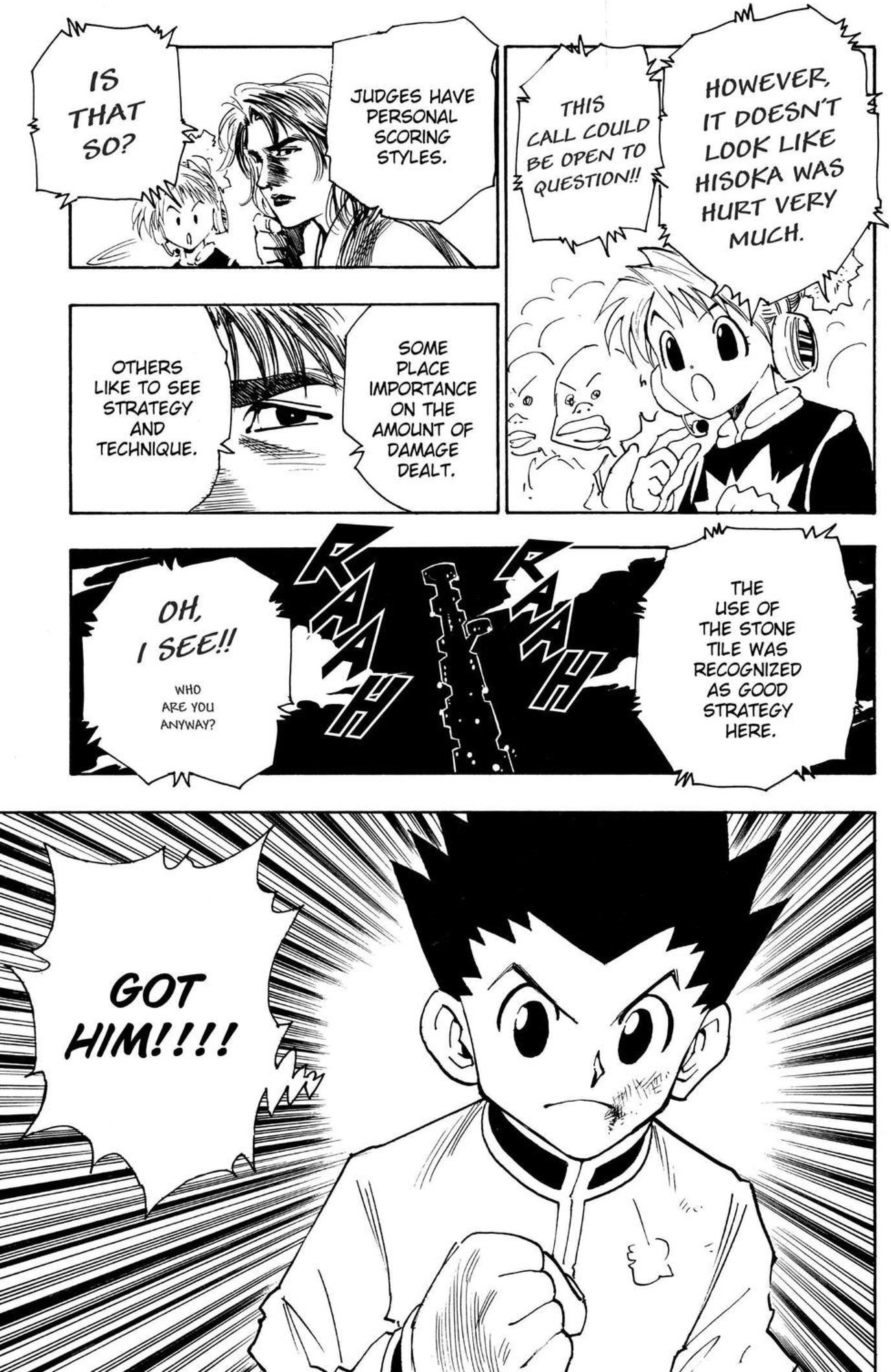
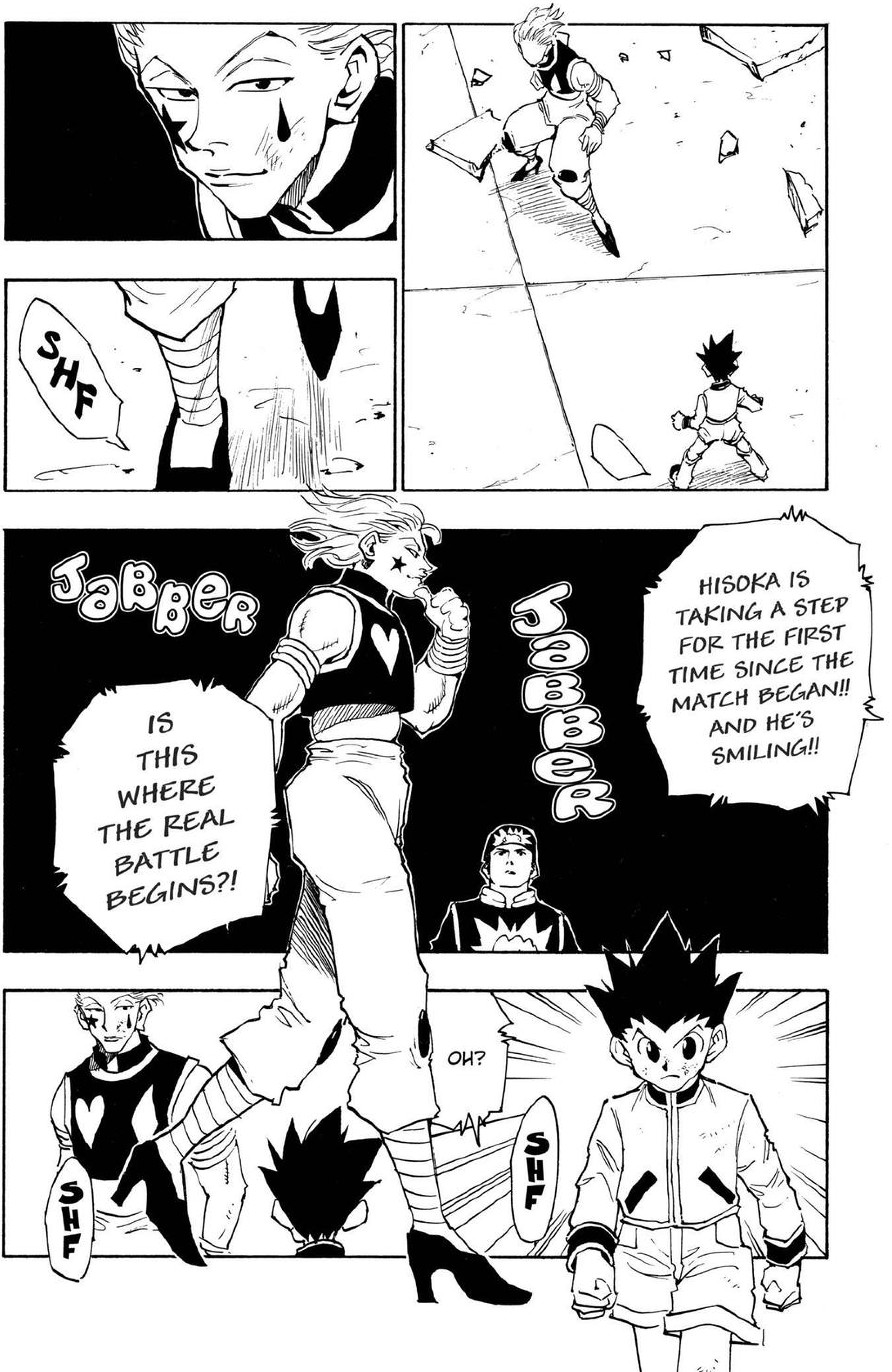
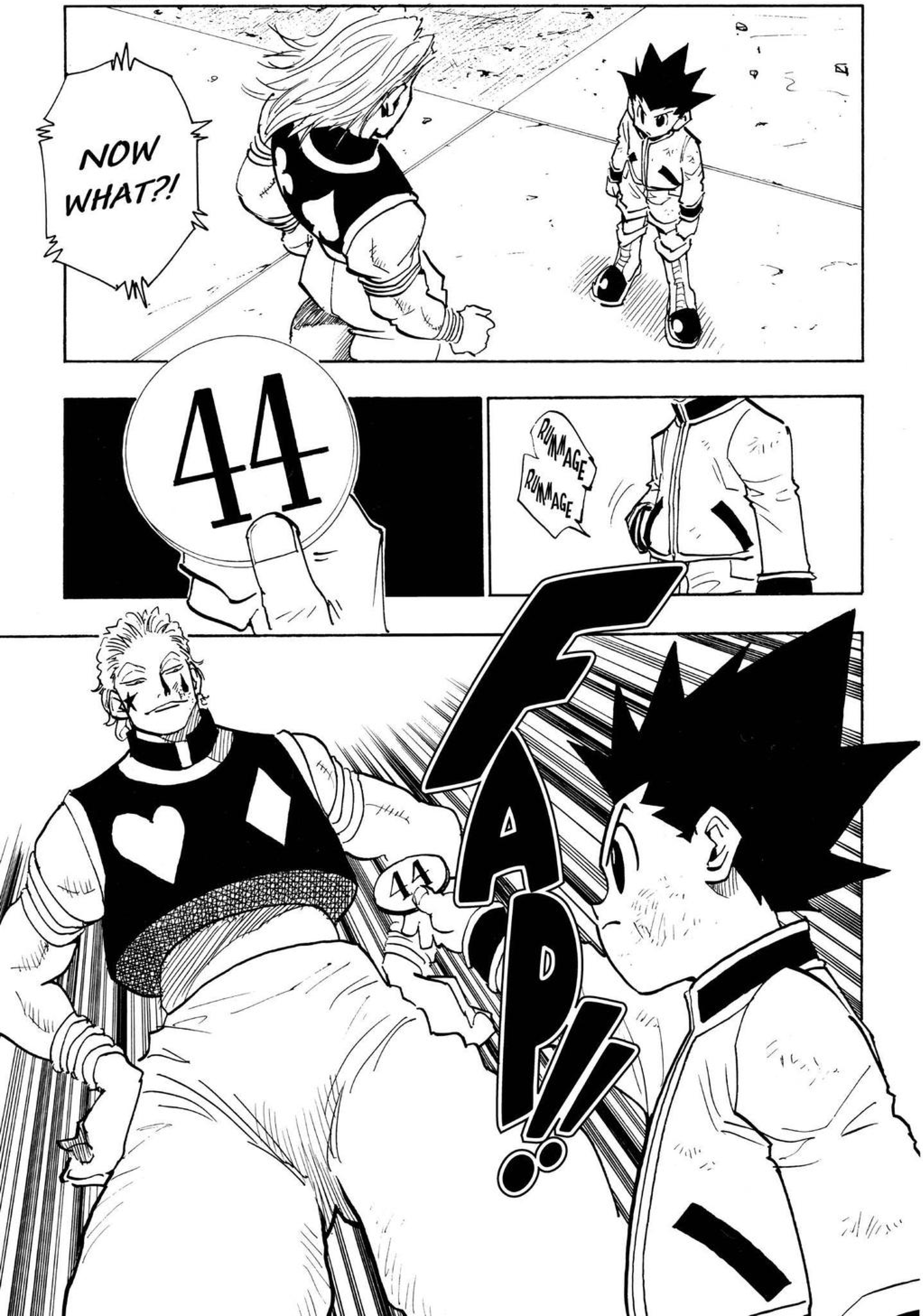
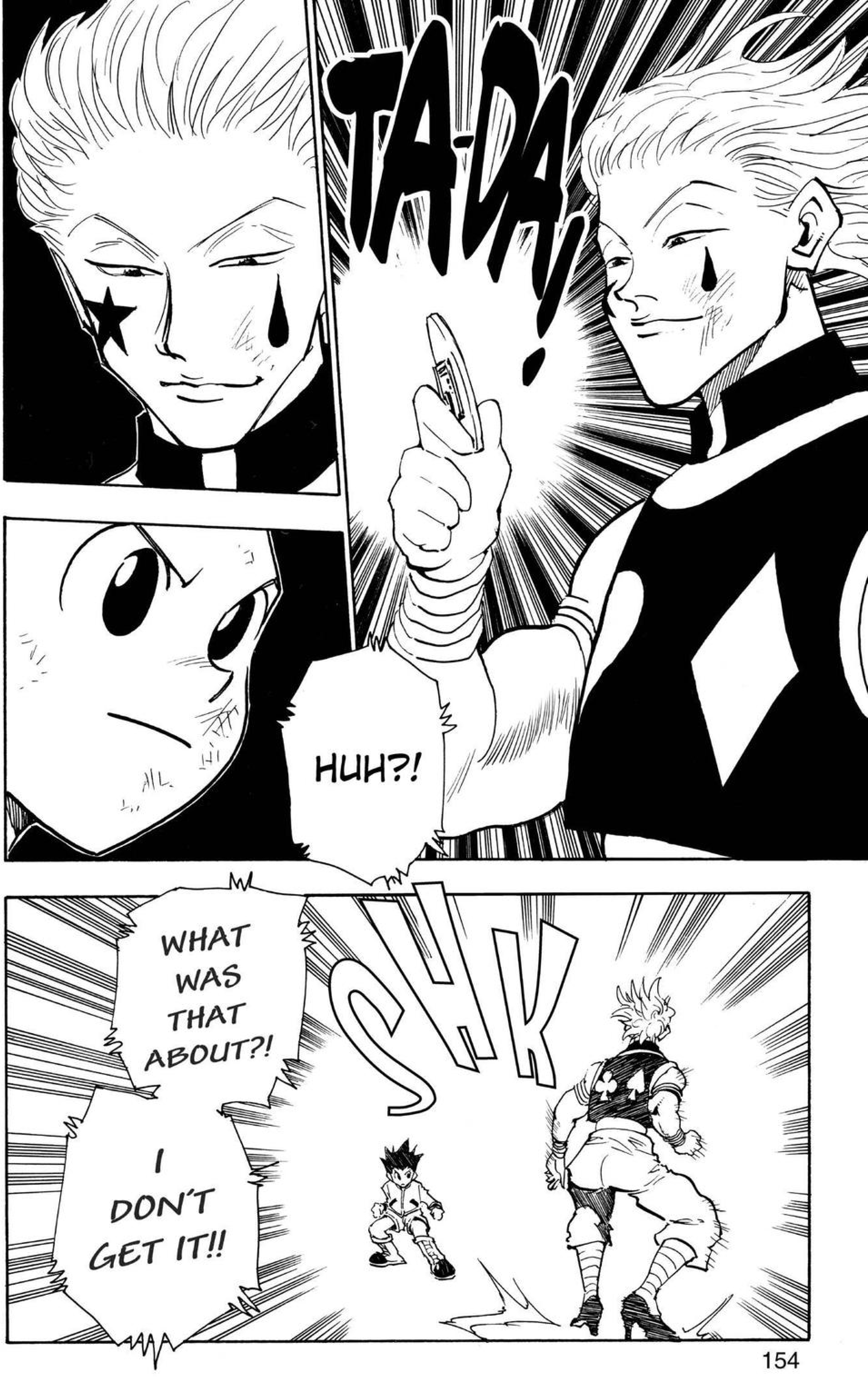
Like You Mean It

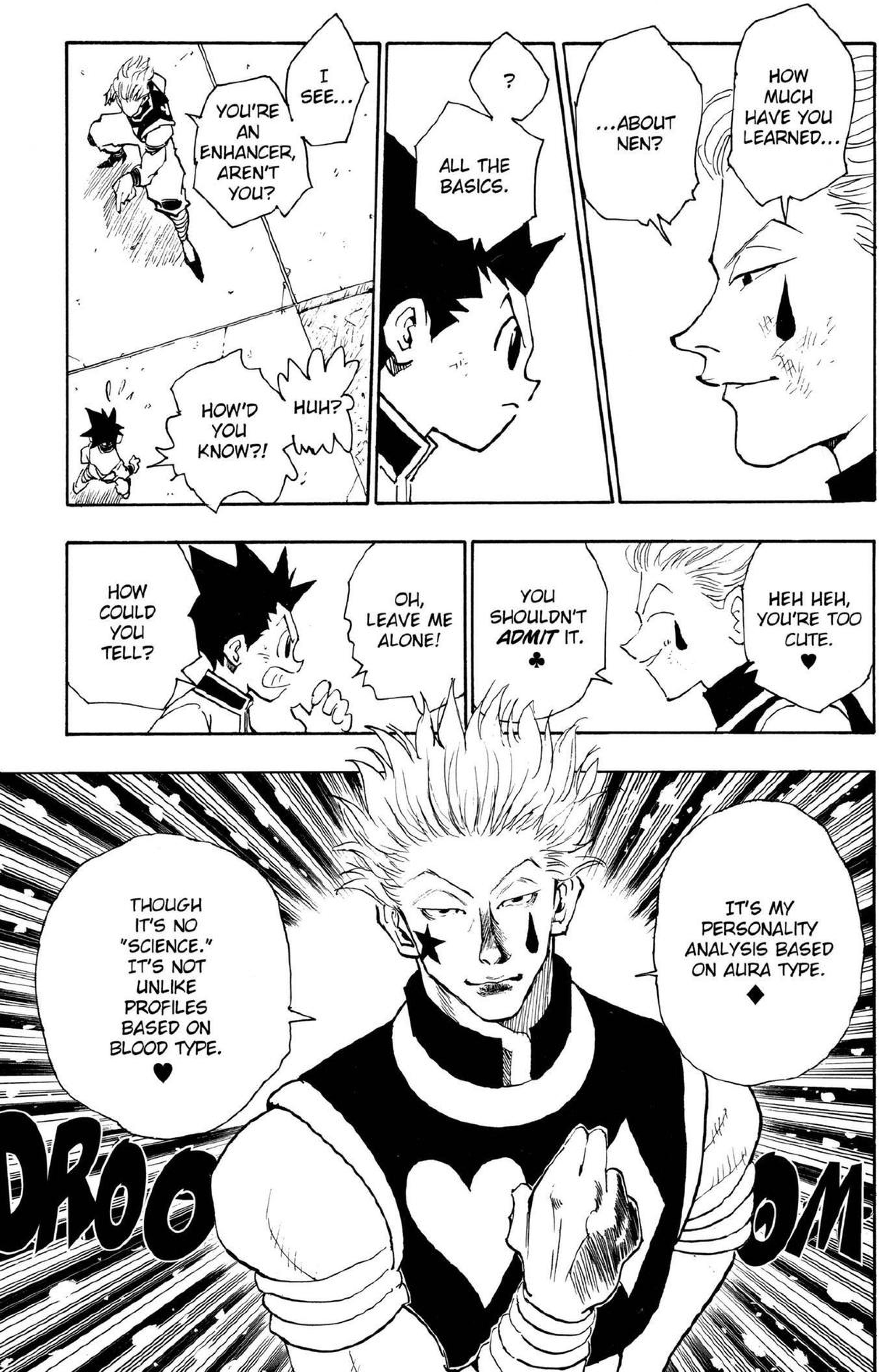

HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HISOKA WAS HURT VERY MUCH.
THIS CALL COULD BE OPEN TO QUESTION!!
JUDGES HAVE PERSONAL SCORING STYLES.
IS THAT SO?
SOME PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DEALT.
OTHERS LIKE TO SEE STRATEGY AND TECHNIQUE.
THE USE OF THE STONE TILE WAS RECOGNIZED AS GOOD STRATEGY HERE.
RAAAH
RAAAH
OH, I SEE!!
WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?
GOT HIM!!!!

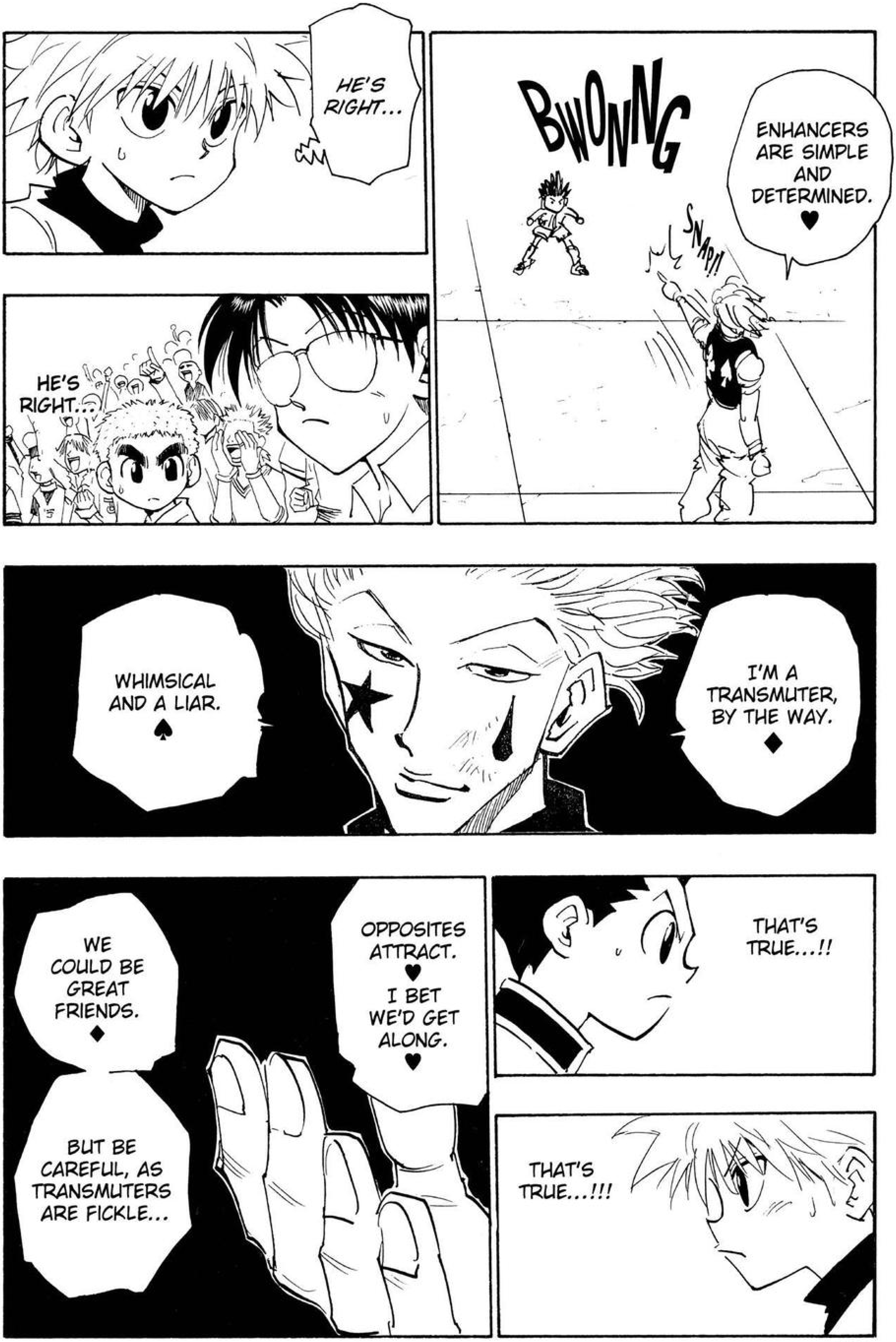

SHF
HISOKA IS TAKING A STEP FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MATCH BEGAN!! AND HE'S SMILING!!
JABBER
JABBER
IS THIS WHERE THE REAL BATTLE BEGINS?!
OH?
SHF
SHF

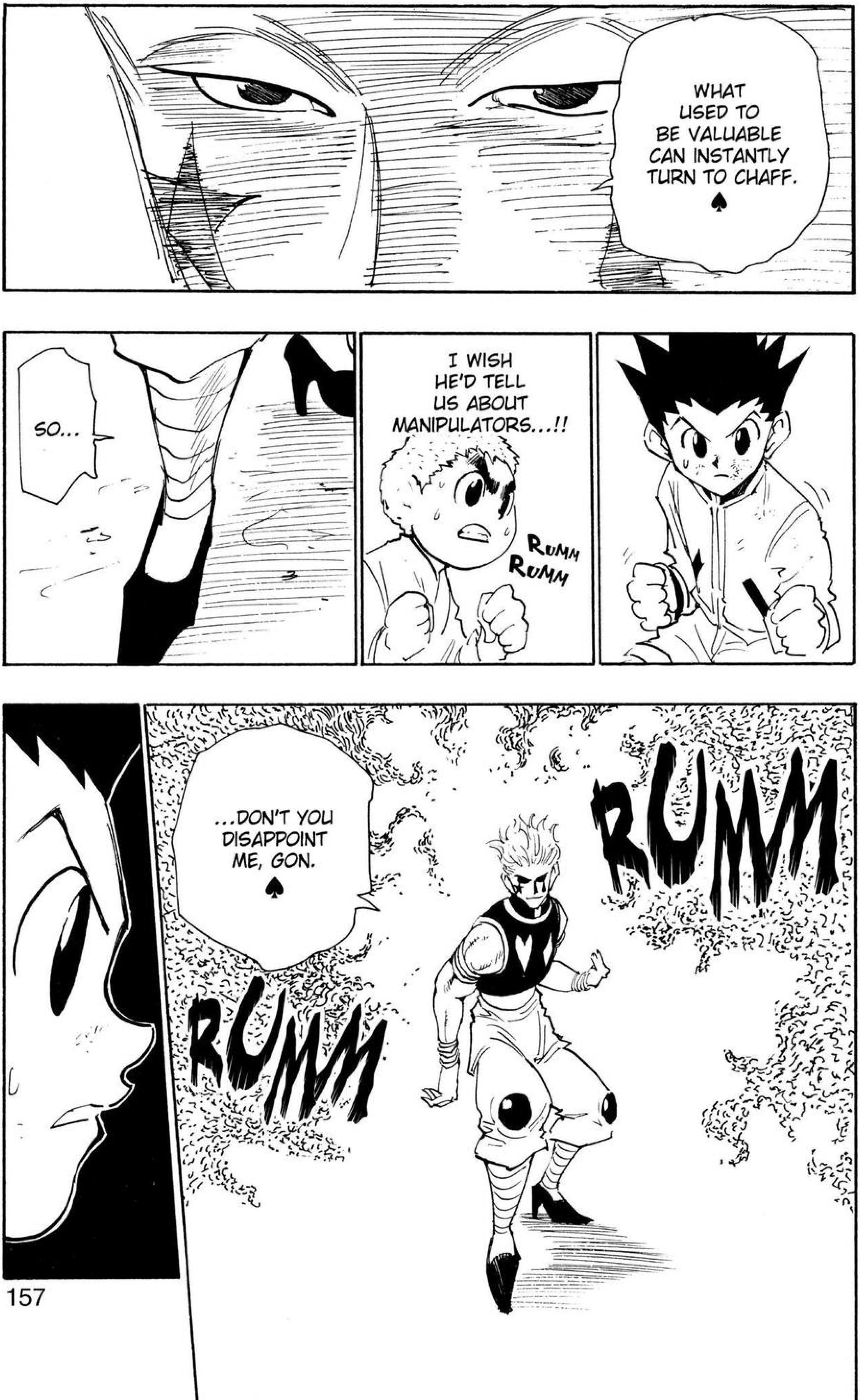
READ THIS WAY

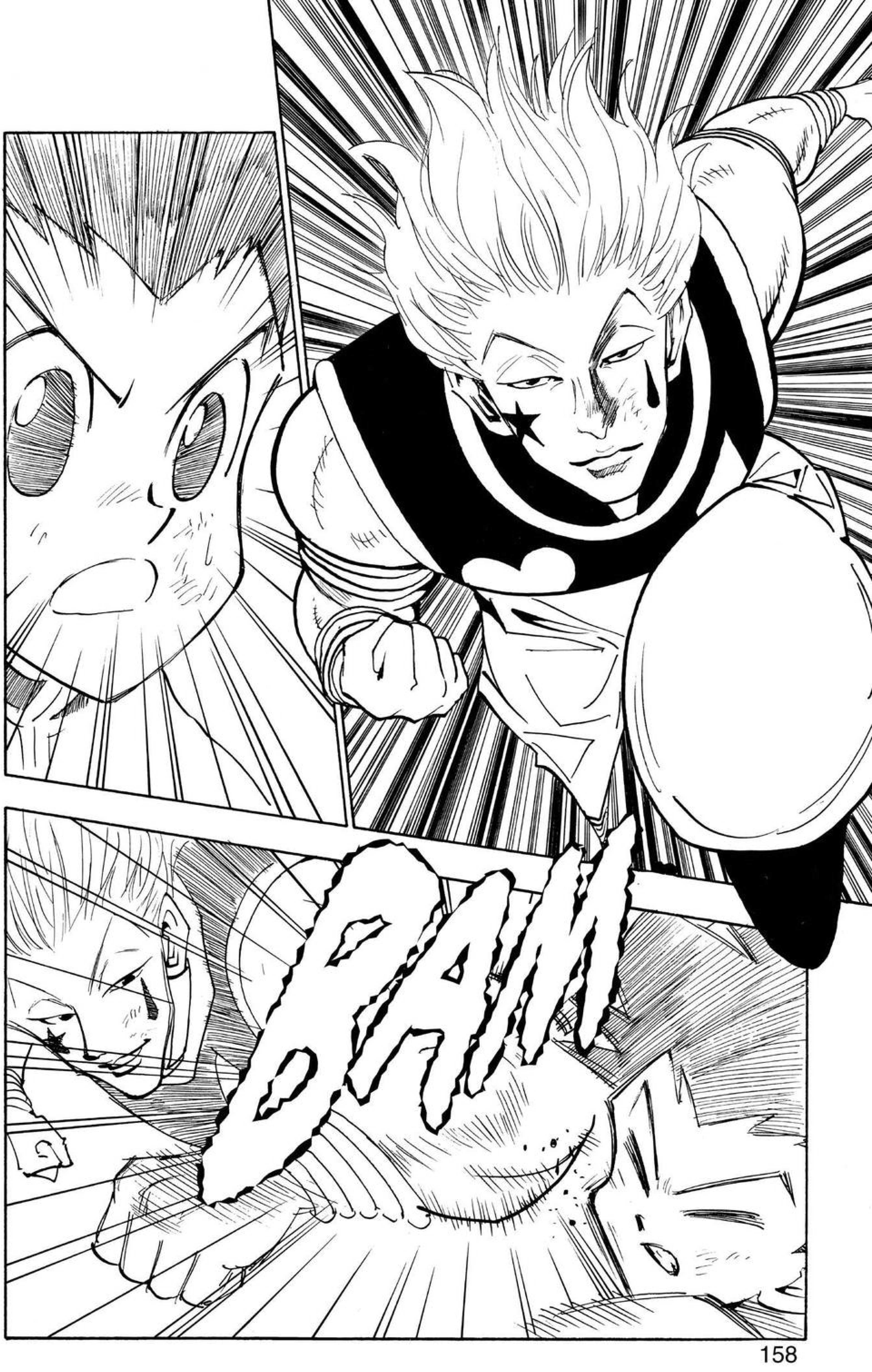

NOW WHAT?!
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
44
44
FAP!!


TA-DA!!
HUH?!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
I DON'T GET IT!!
SHK


HOW MUCH HAVE YOU LEARNED...
...ABOUT NEN?
?
ALL THE BASICS.
I SEE...
YOU'RE AN ENHANCER, AREN'T YOU?
HUH?
HOW'D YOU KNOW?!
HEH HEH, YOU'RE TOO CUTE. ♥
YOU SHOULDN'T *ADMIT* IT. ♣
OH, LEAVE ME ALONE!
HOW COULD YOU TELL?
IT'S MY PERSONALITY ANALYSIS BASED ON AURA TYPE. ♦
THOUGH IT'S NO "SCIENCE." IT'S NOT UNLIKE PROFILES BASED ON BLOOD TYPE. ♥
DROOOM


BWONNG
SNAP!!
ENHANCERS ARE SIMPLE AND DETERMINED. ♥
HE'S RIGHT...
HE'S RIGHT...
I'M A TRANSMUTER, BY THE WAY. ♦
WHIMSICAL AND A LIAR. ♠
OPPOSITES ATTRACT. ♥ I BET WE'D GET ALONG. ♥
WE COULD BE GREAT FRIENDS. ♦
BUT BE CAREFUL, AS TRANSMUTERS ARE FICKLE...
THAT'S TRUE...!!
THAT'S TRUE...!!!


WHAT USED TO BE VALUABLE CAN INSTANTLY TURN TO CHAFF. ♠
I WISH HE'D TELL US ABOUT MANIPULATORS...!!
RUMM RUMM
SO...
...DON'T YOU DISAPPOINT ME, GON. ♠
RUMM
RUMM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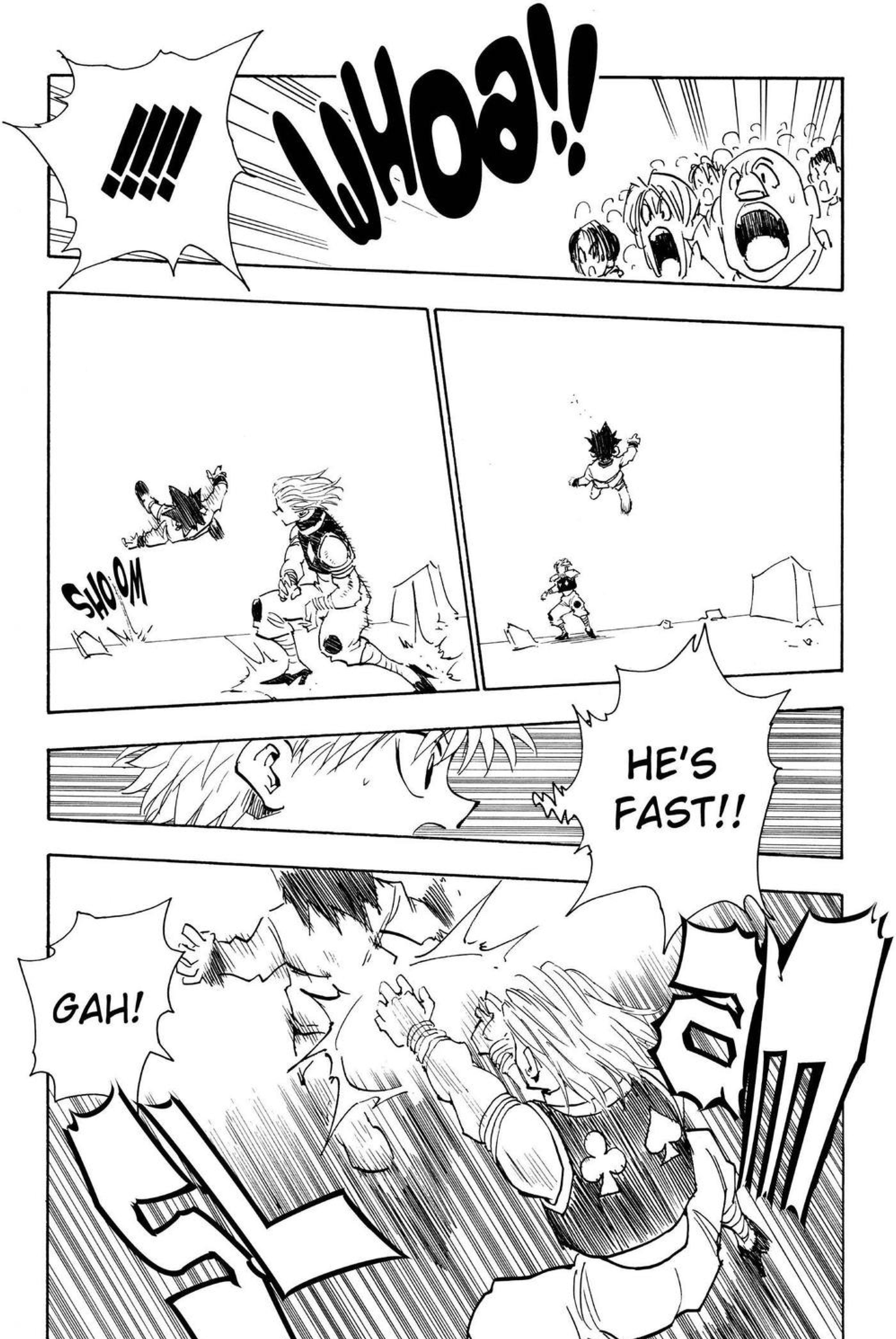
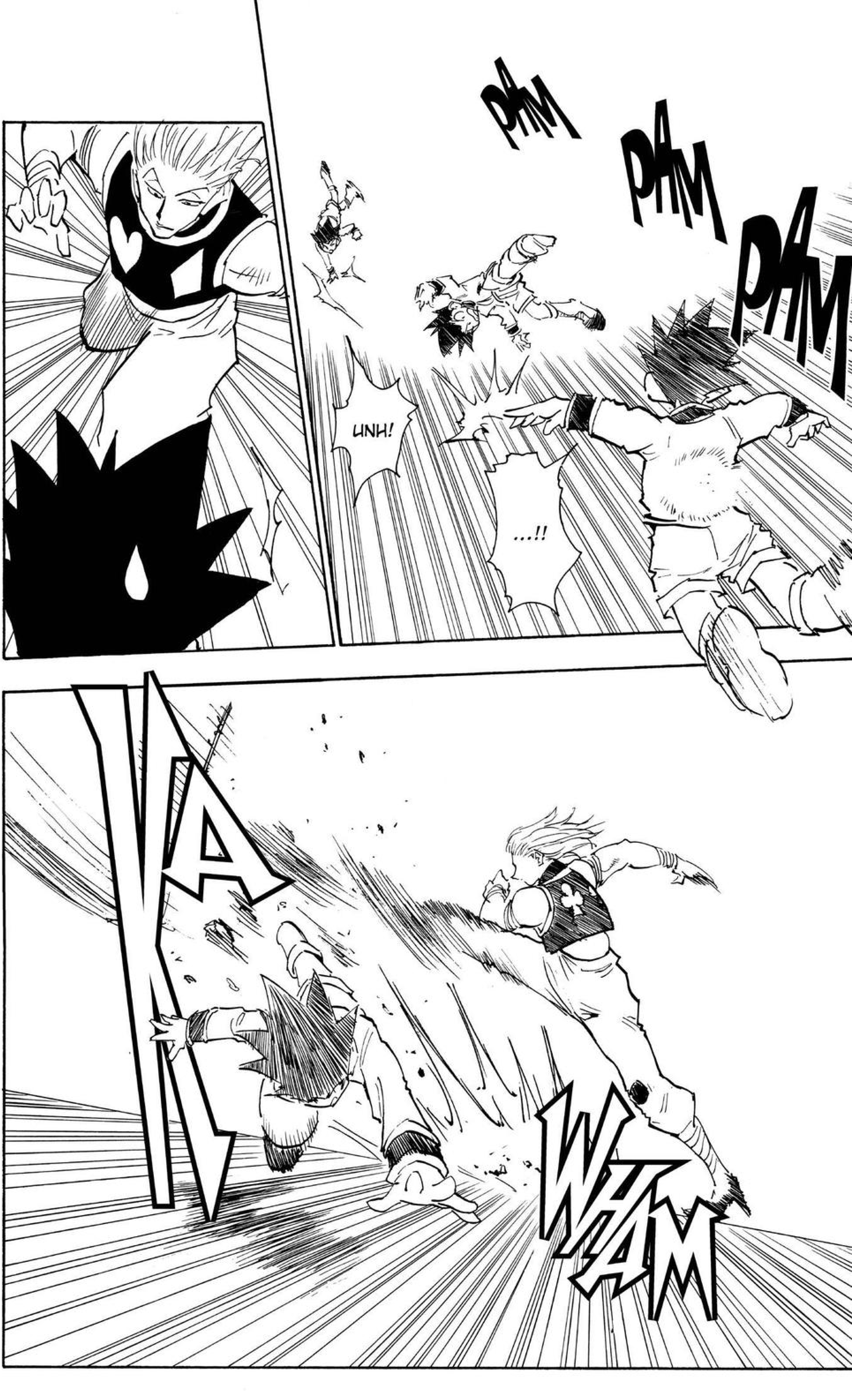
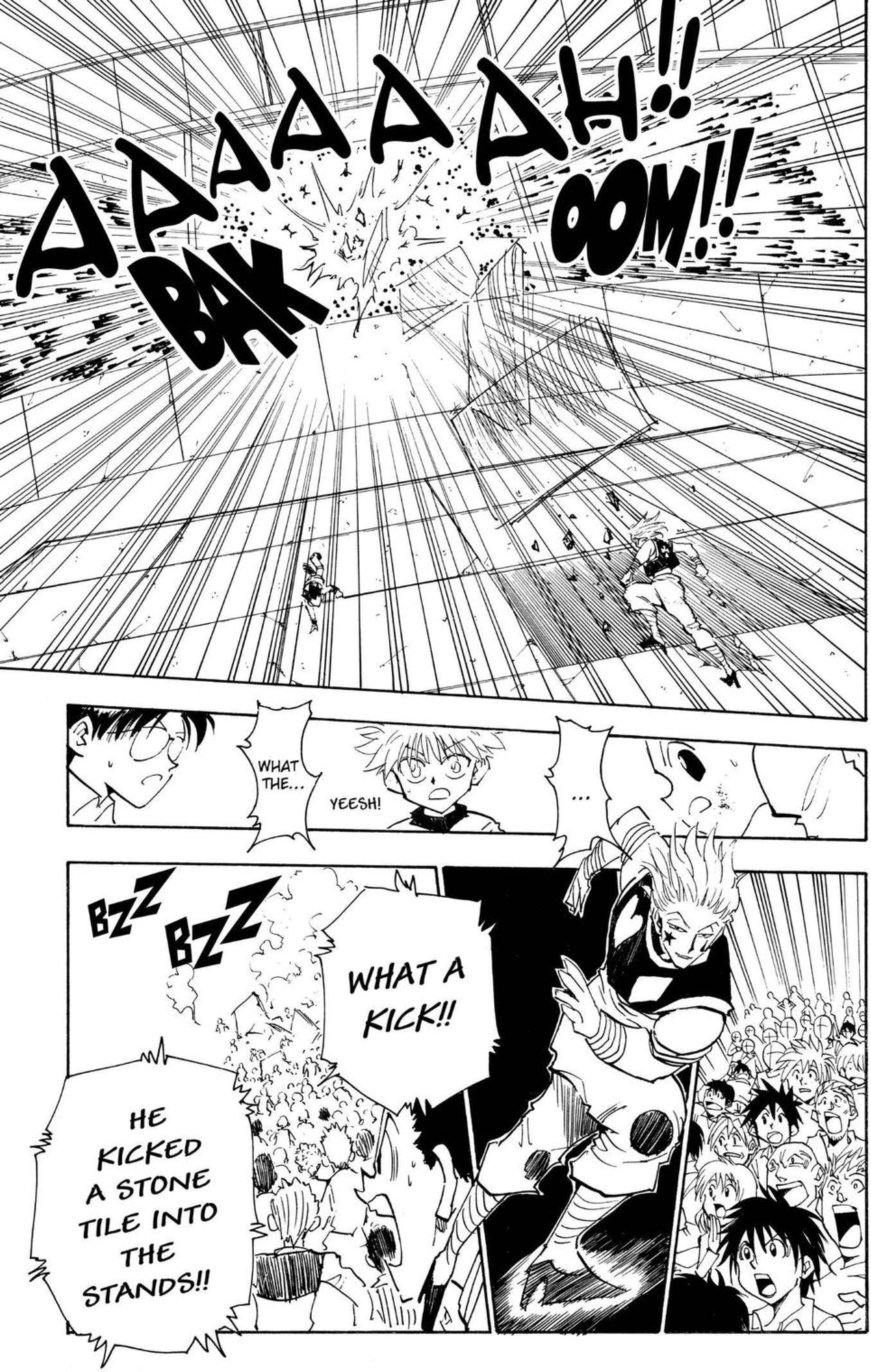
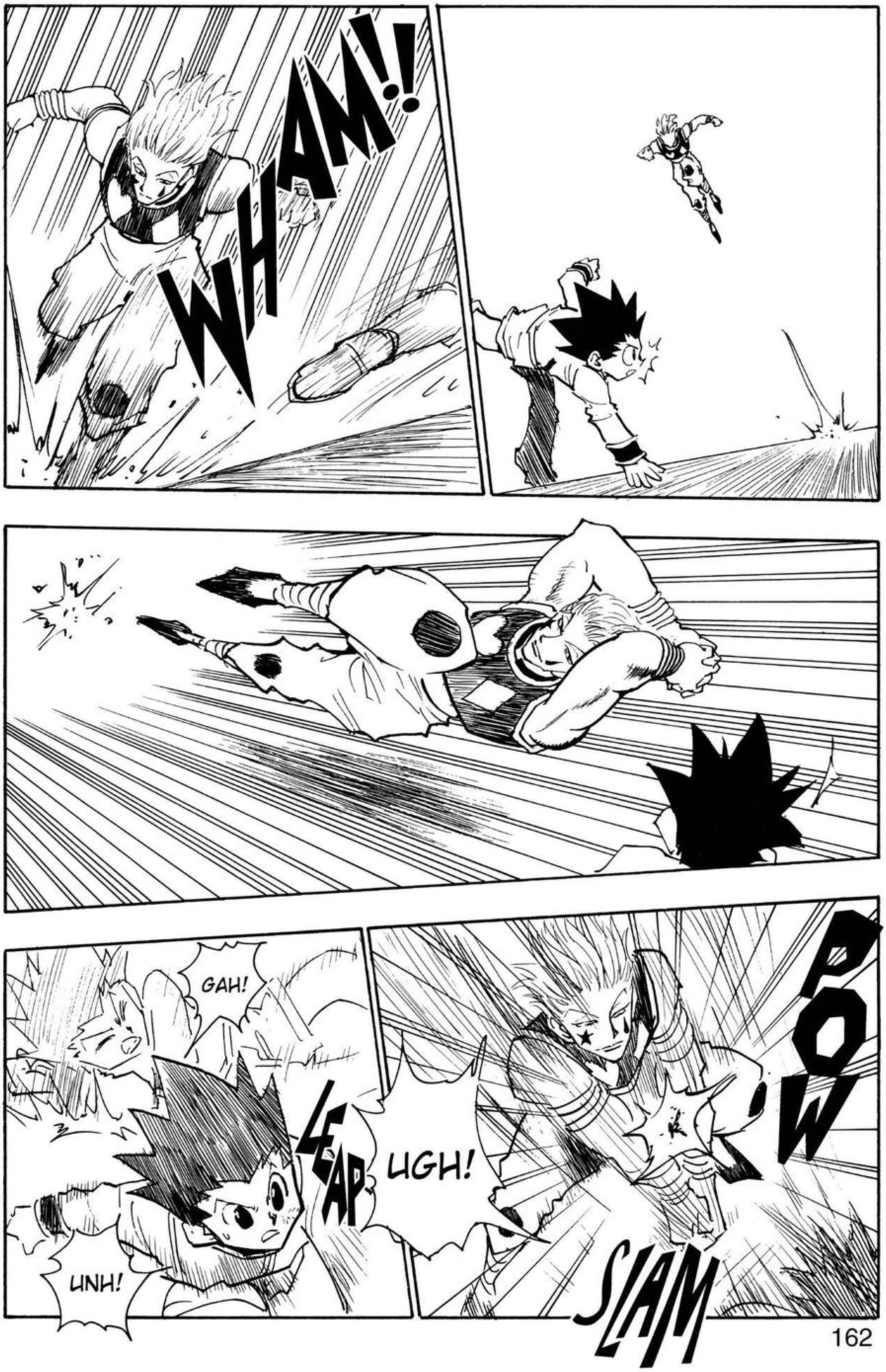
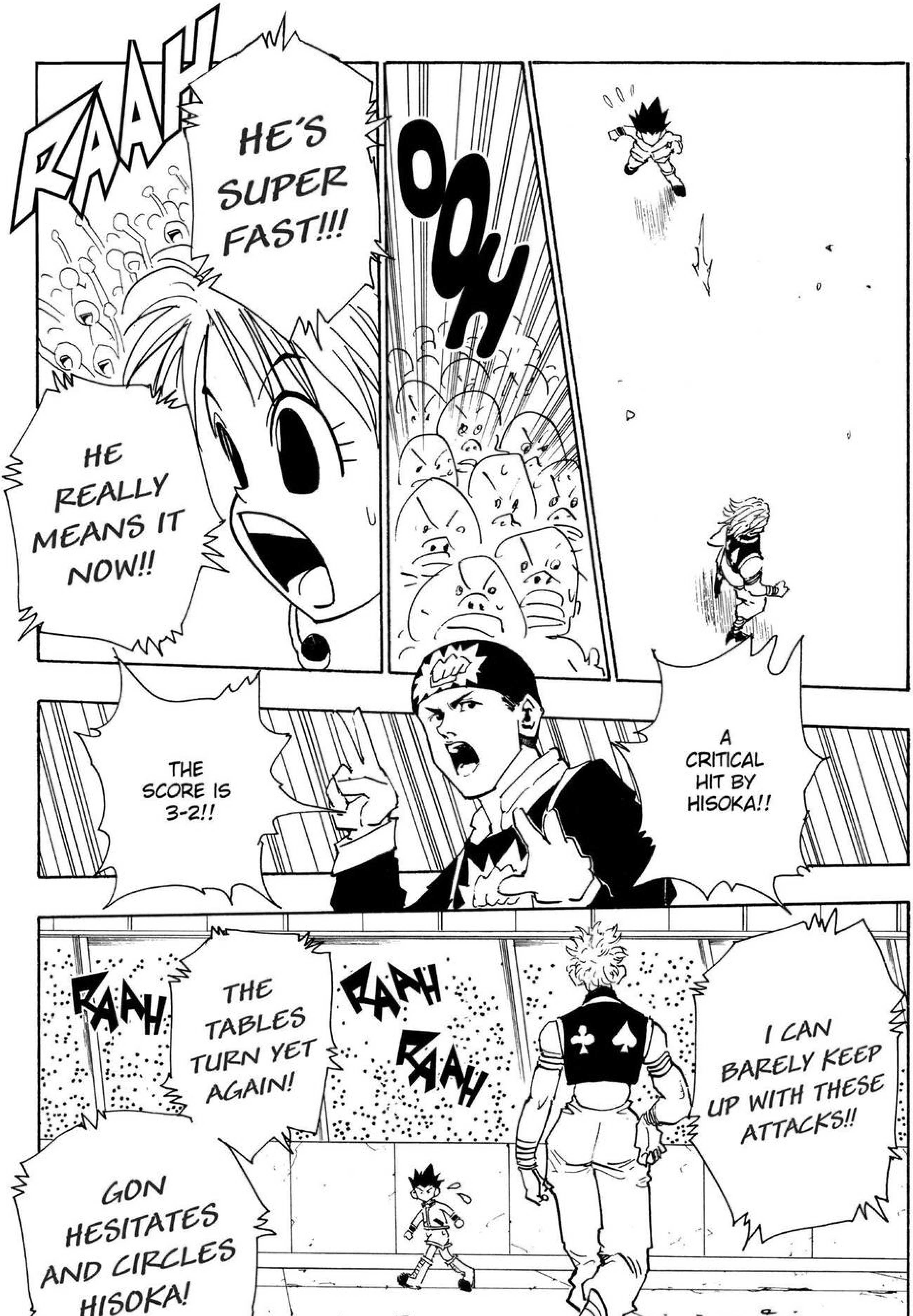
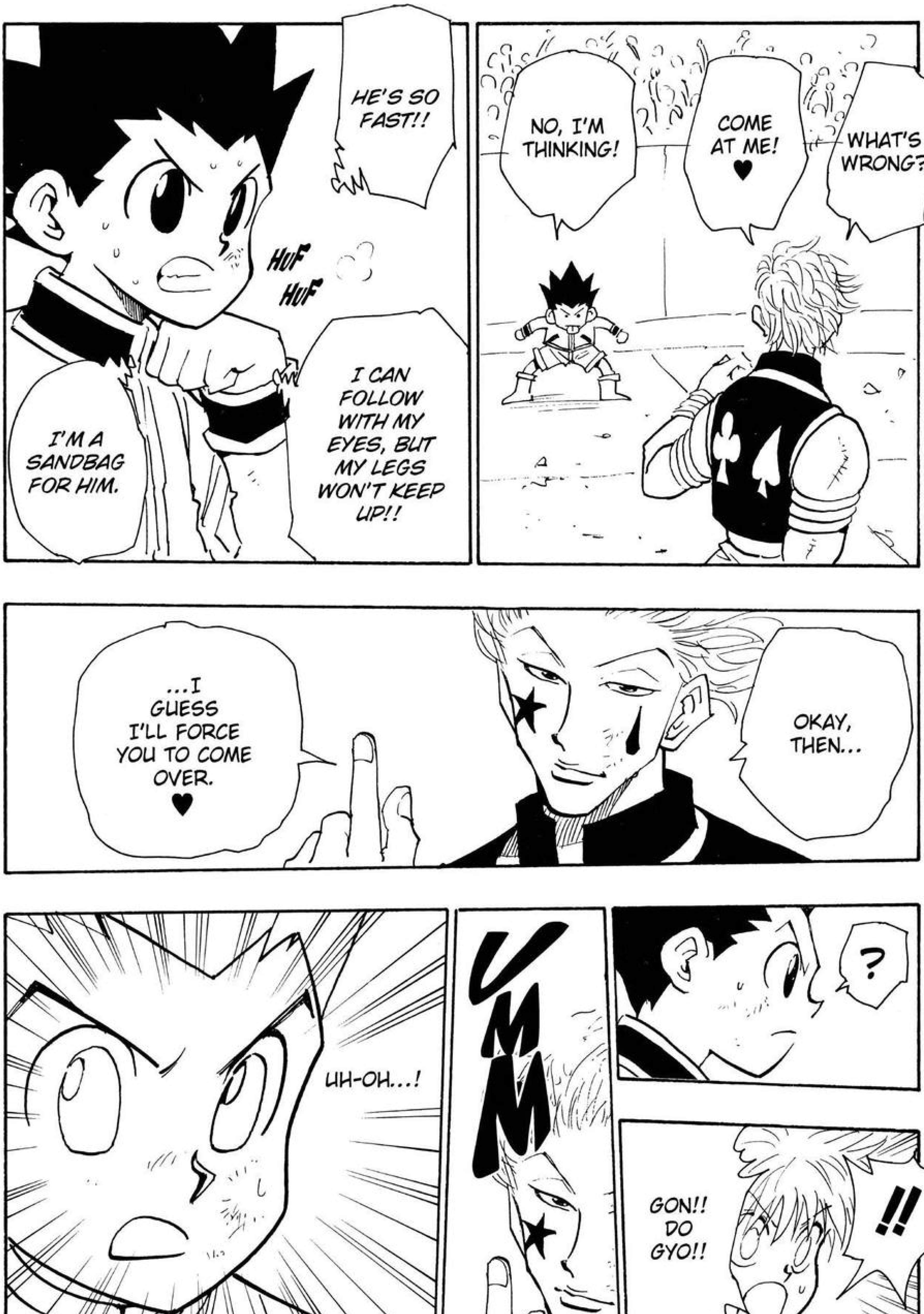

WHOA!!
!!!!!
SHOOM
HE'S FAST!!
GAH!

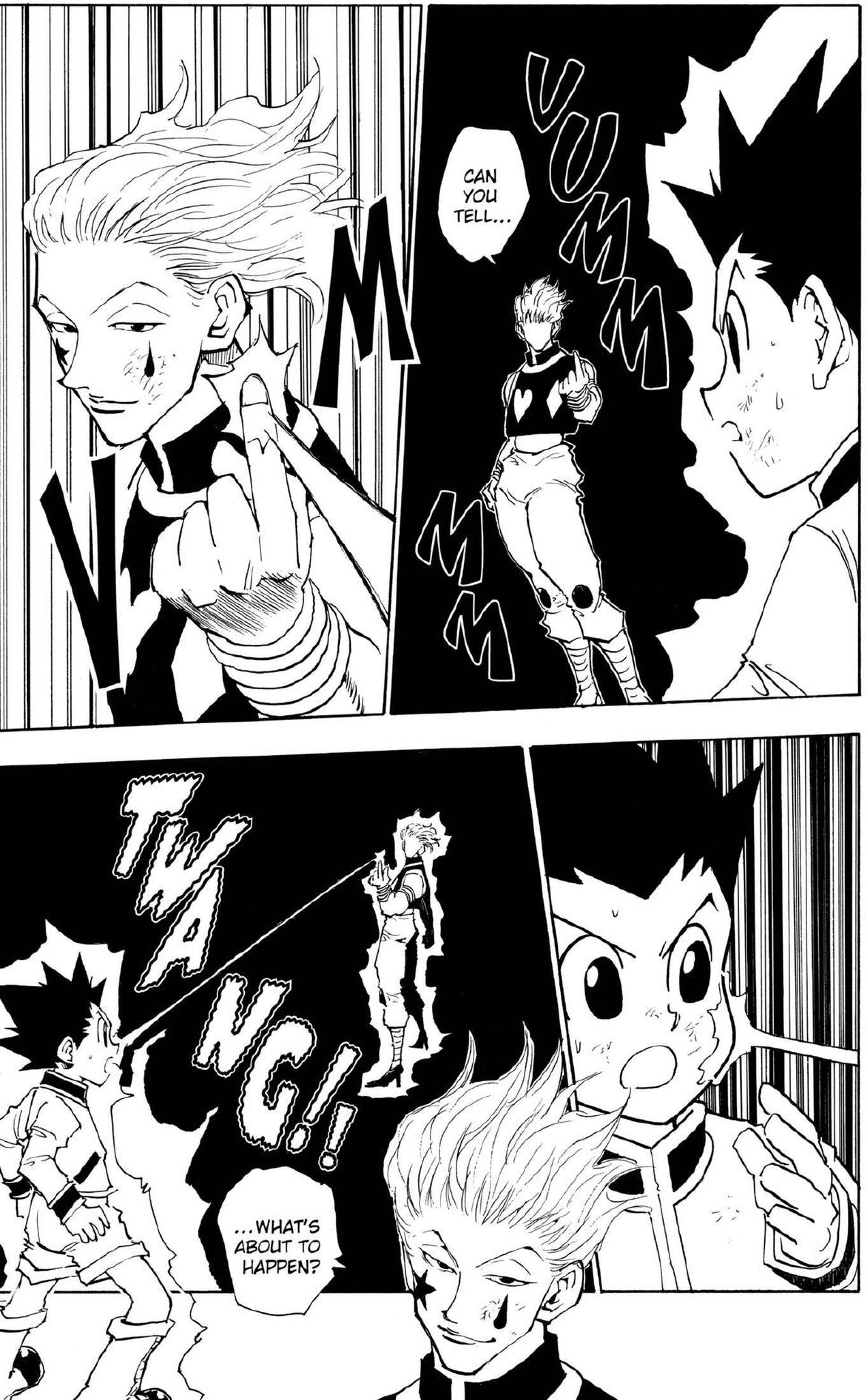

PAM
PAM
PAM
UNH!
...!!
KA
WHAM

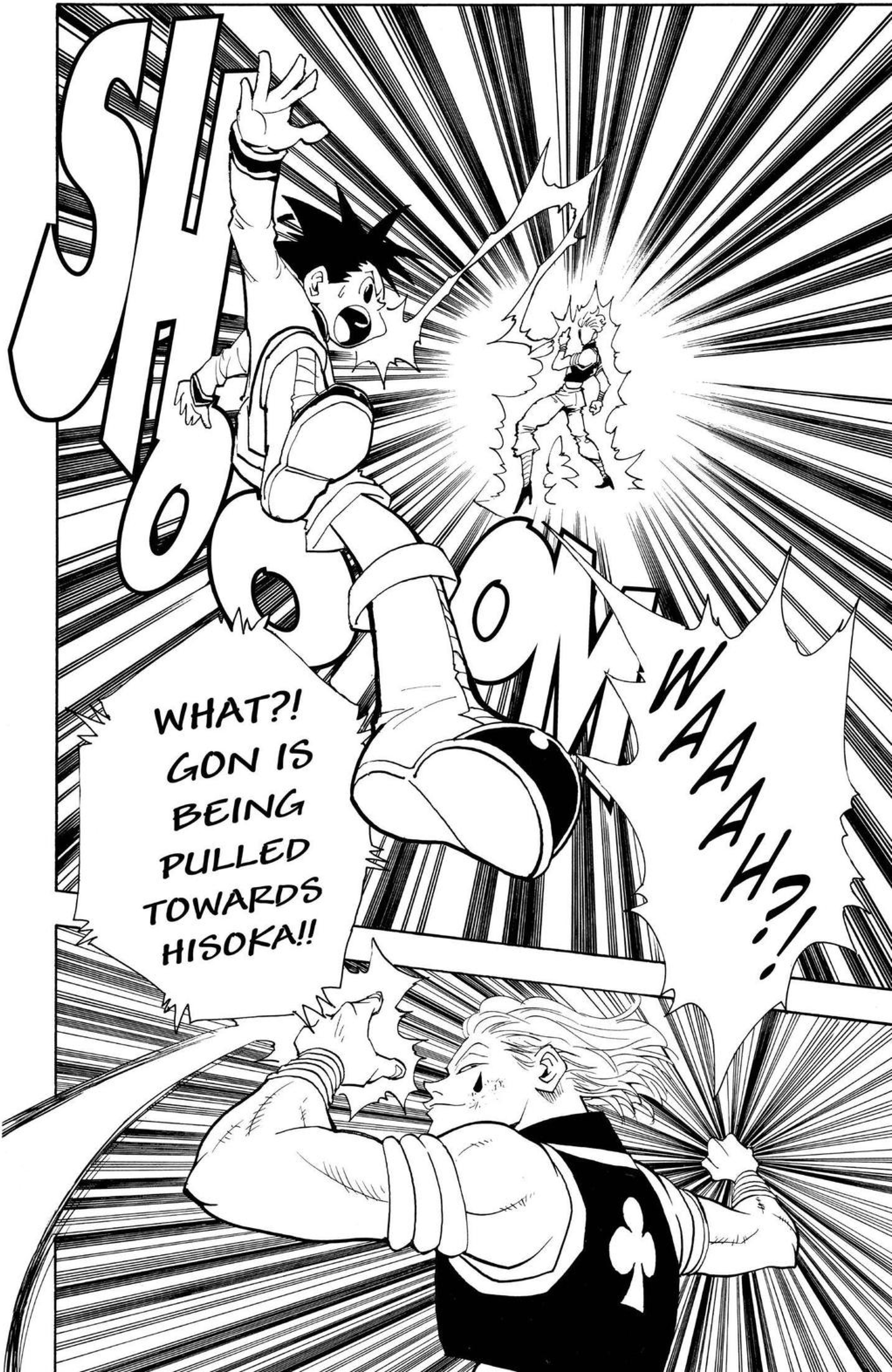

AAAAAAH!!
BAKOOM!!
...
YEESH!
WHAT THE...
WHAT A KICK!!
HE KICKED A STONE TILE INTO THE STANDS!!
BZZ BZZ

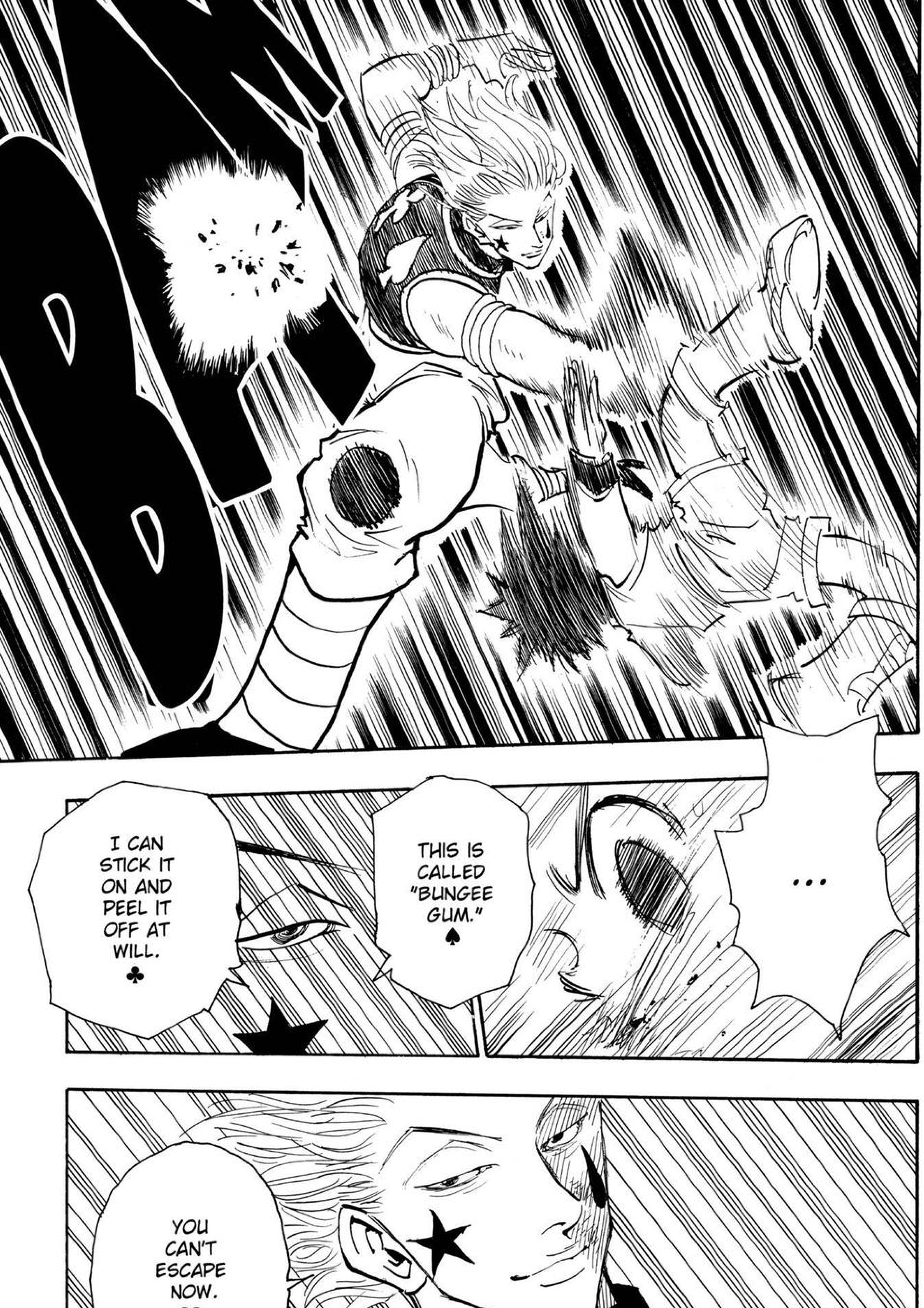

WHAM!!
POW
SLAM
UGH!
LEAP
GAH!
UNH!


OOH
RAAH
HE'S SUPER FAST!!!
HE REALLY MEANS IT NOW!!
A CRITICAL HIT BY HISOKA!!
THE SCORE IS 3-2!!
I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH THESE ATTACKS!!
RAAH
RAAH
THE TABLES TURN YET AGAIN!
RAAH
GON HESITATES AND CIRCLES HISOKA!


WHAT'S WRONG?
COME AT ME! ♥
NO, I'M THINKING!
HE'S SO FAST!!
HUF HUF
I CAN FOLLOW WITH MY EYES, BUT MY LEGS WON'T KEEP UP!!
I'M A SANDBAG FOR HIM.
OKAY, THEN...
...I GUESS I'LL FORCE YOU TO COME OVER. ♥
?
!!
GON!! DO GYO!!
UMM
UH-OH...!


VUUMMM
CAN YOU TELL...
MMM
M
V
TWANG!!
...WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN?


SHOOOOM!
WHAT?! GON IS BEING PULLED TOWARDS HISOKA!!
WAAAH?!


...
THIS IS CALLED "BUNGEE GUM." ♠
I CAN STICK IT ON AND PEEL IT OFF AT WILL. ♣
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE NOW. ♥

HISO-HISO'S AURA-BASED PERSONALITY ANALYSIS

ENHANCER: SIMPLE AND DETERMINED.

MANIPULATOR: LOGICAL, DOES THINGS AT HIS OWN PACE.

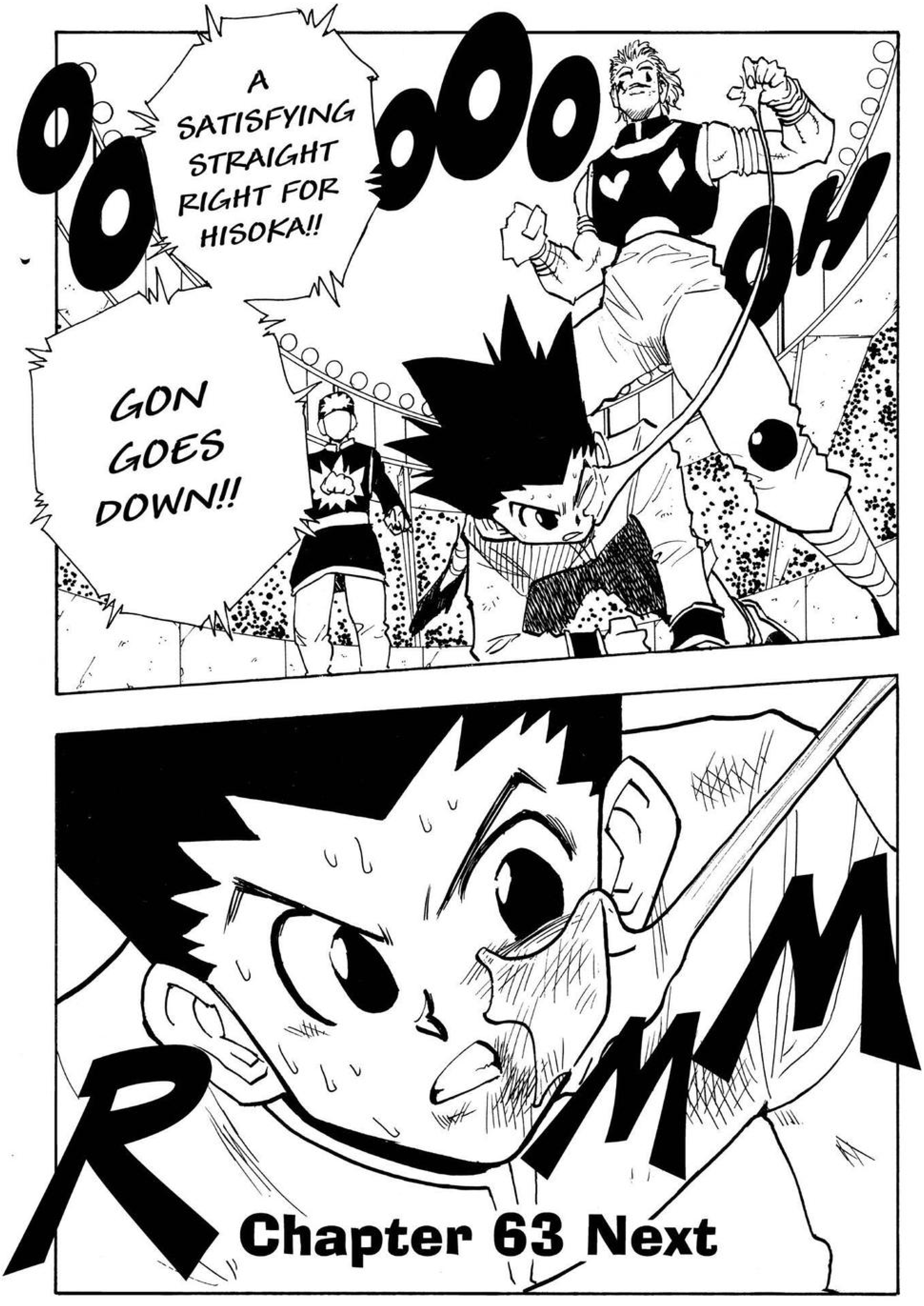
TRANSMUTER: WHIMSICAL AND A LIAR.

EMITTER: IMPATIENT AND NOT DETAIL-ORIENTED.

SPECIALIST: INDEPENDENT AND CHARISMATIC.

CONJURER: HIGH-STRUNG.

*TRAITS ARBITRARILY DECIDED BY HISOKA.


OOOOOOOOH
A SATISFYING STRAIGHT RIGHT FOR HISOKA!!
GON GOES DOWN!!
RMMM

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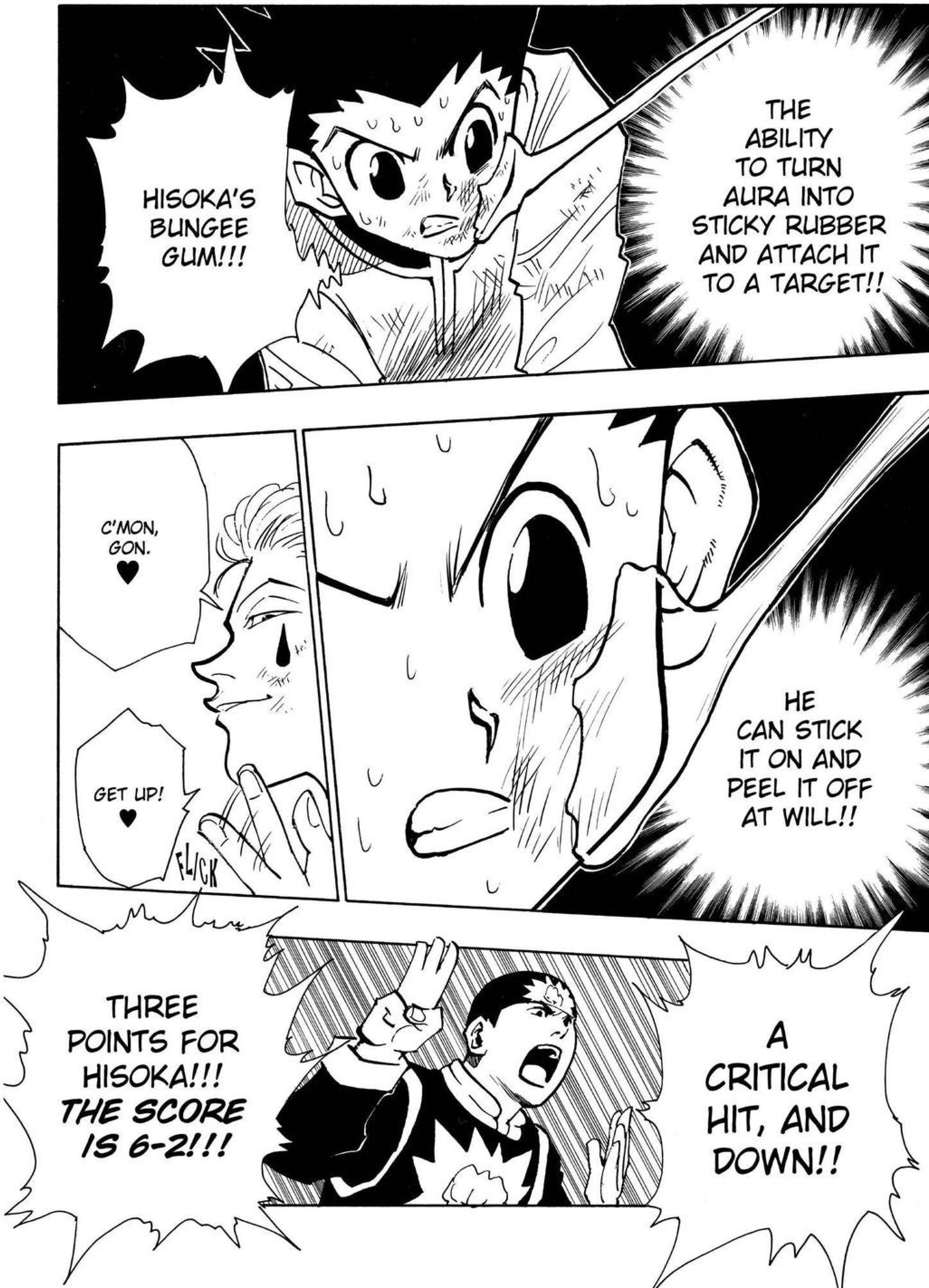
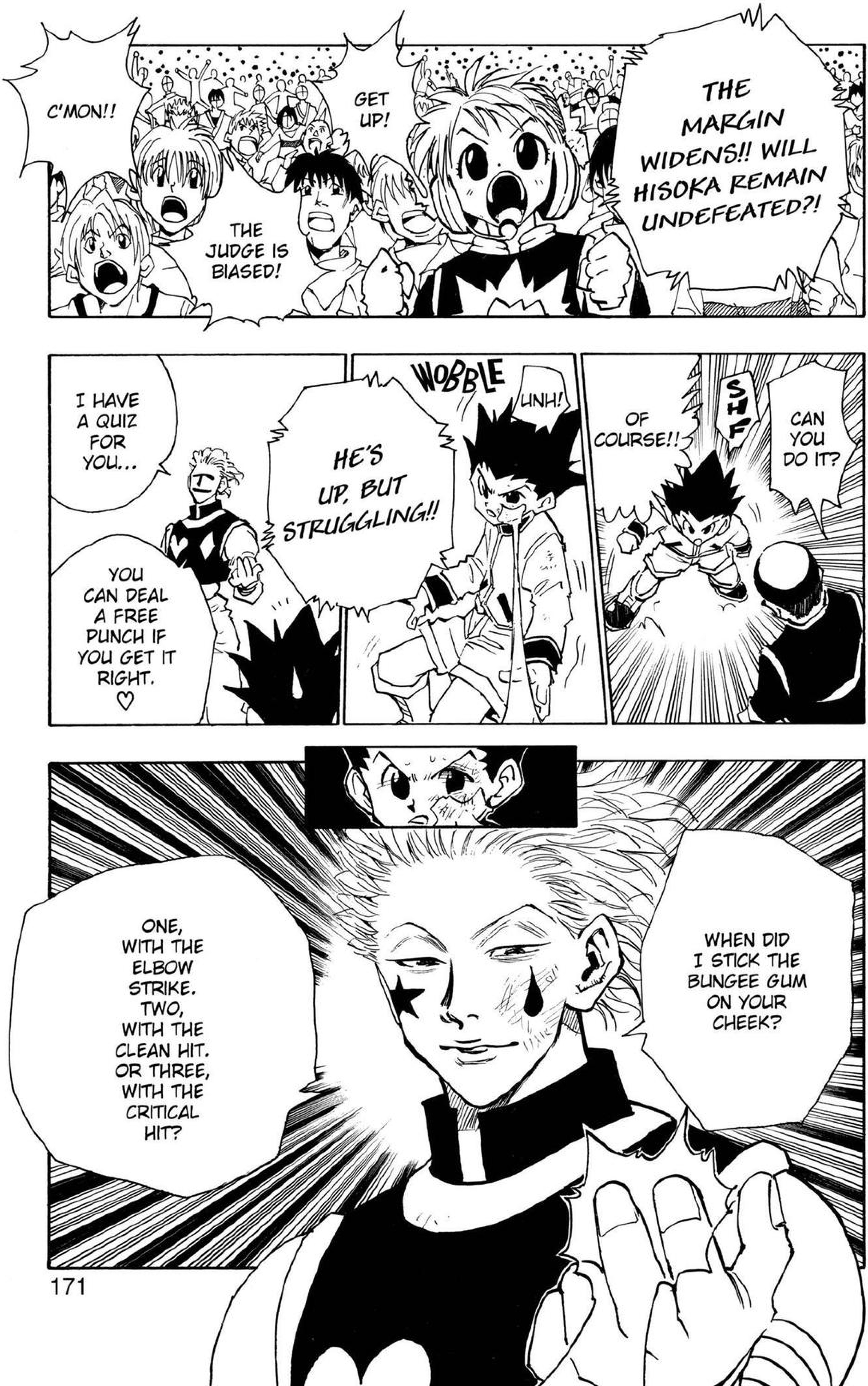
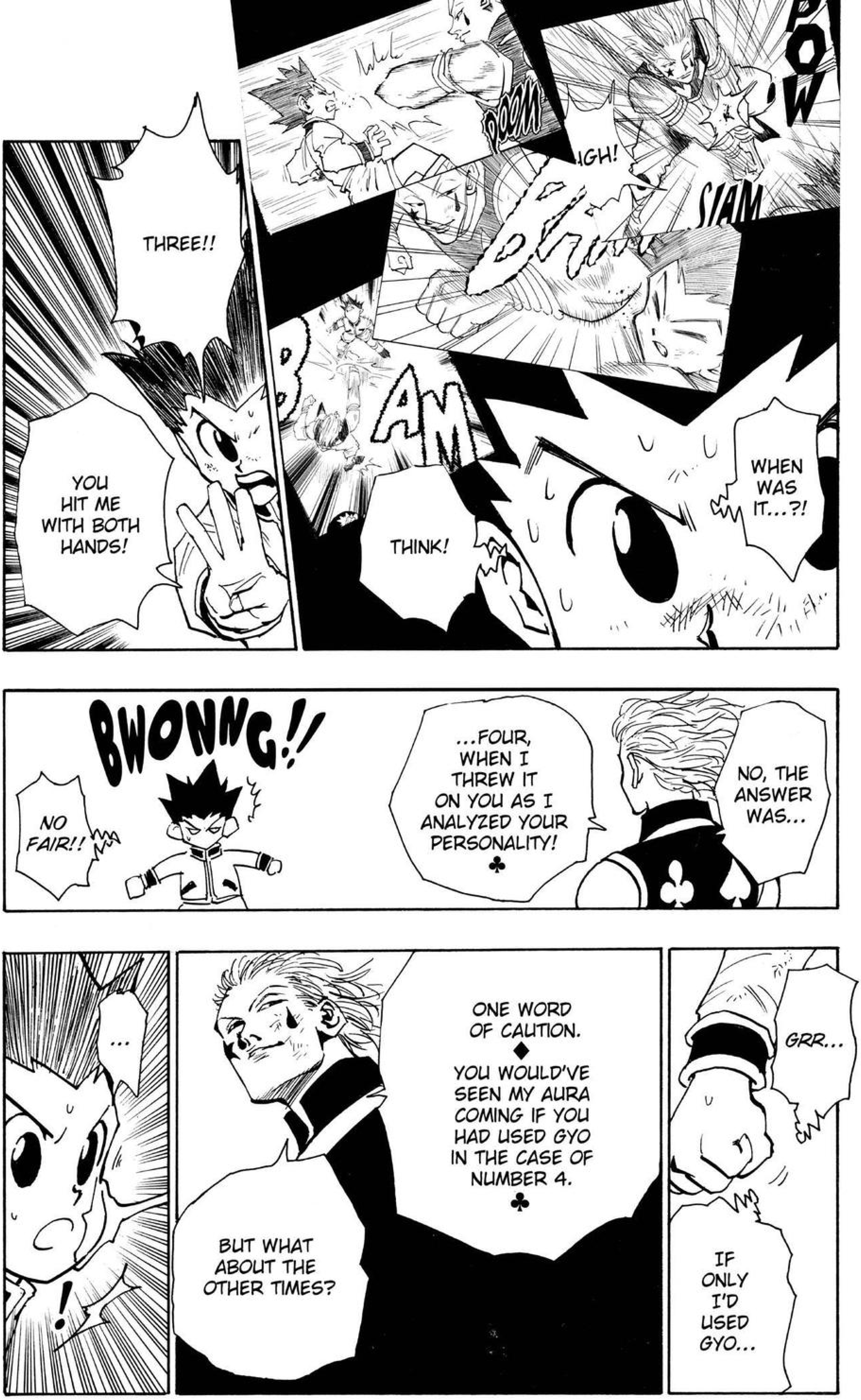
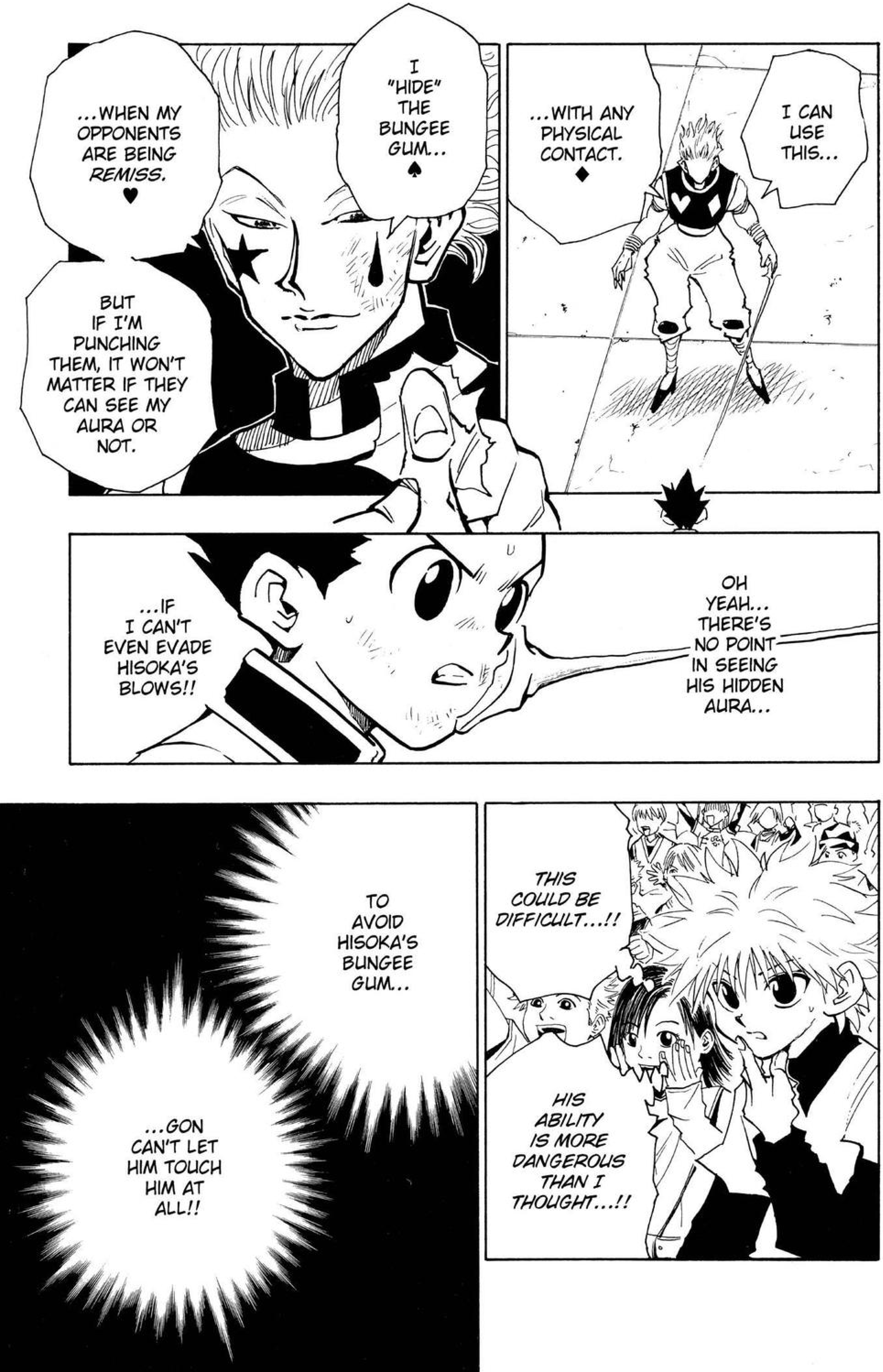
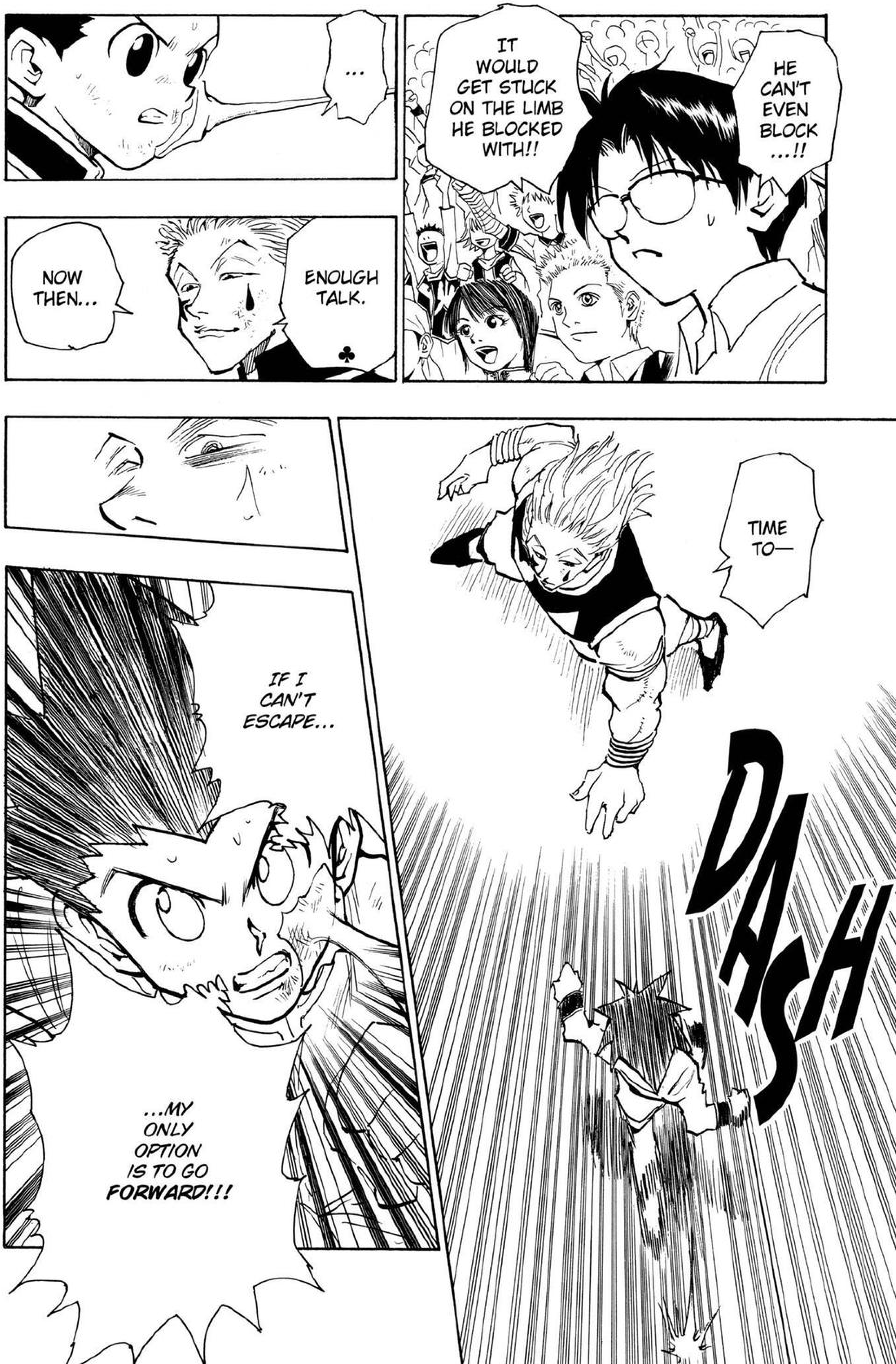
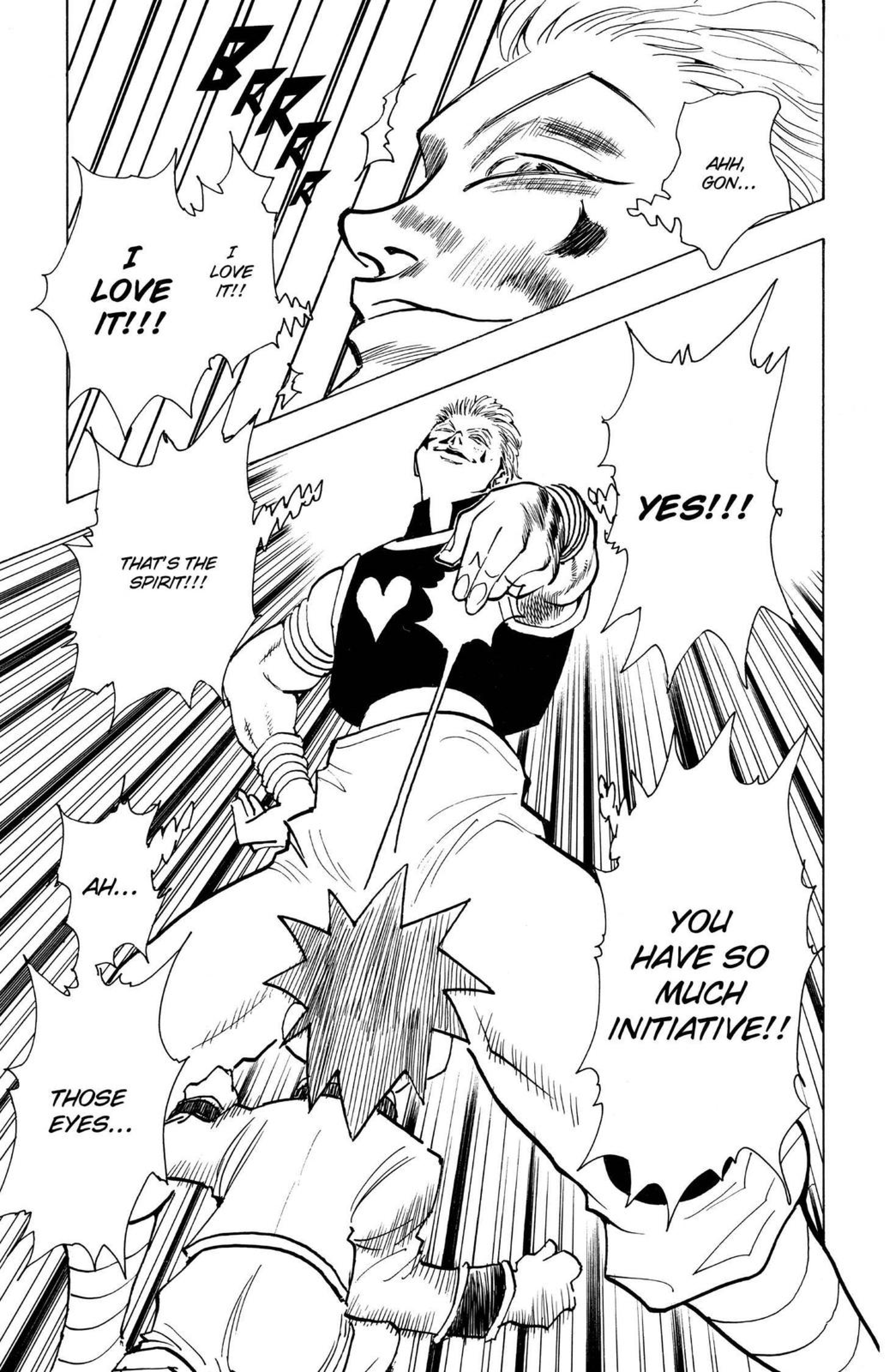

THE ABILITY TO TURN AURA INTO STICKY RUBBER AND ATTACH IT TO A TARGET!!
HISOKA'S BUNGEE GUM!!!
HE CAN STICK IT ON AND PEEL IT OFF AT WILL!!
C'MON, GON. ♥
GET UP! ♥
FLICK
A CRITICAL HIT, AND DOWN!!
THREE POINTS FOR HISOKA!!! *THE SCORE IS 6-2!!!*

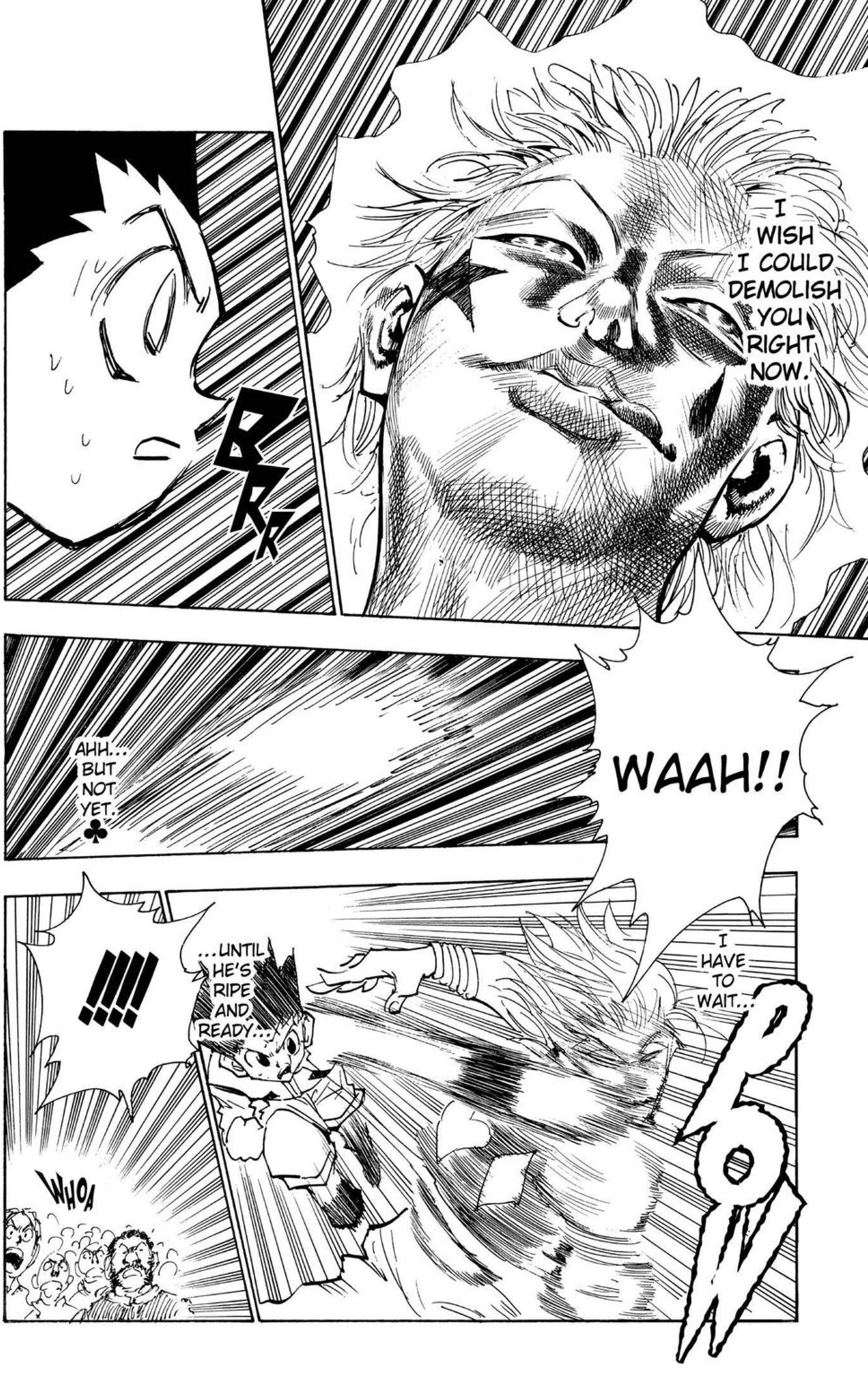

THE MARGIN WIDENS!! WILL HISOKA REMAIN UNDEFEATED?!
GET UP!
THE JUDGE IS BIASED!
C'MON!!
CAN YOU DO IT?
SHF
OF COURSE!!
UNH!
WOBBLE
HE'S UP, BUT STRUGGLING!!
I HAVE A QUIZ FOR YOU...
YOU CAN DEAL A FREE PUNCH IF YOU GET IT RIGHT. ♡
WHEN DID I STICK THE BUNGEE GUM ON YOUR CHEEK?
ONE, WITH THE ELBOW STRIKE. TWO, WITH THE CLEAN HIT. OR THREE, WITH THE CRITICAL HIT?

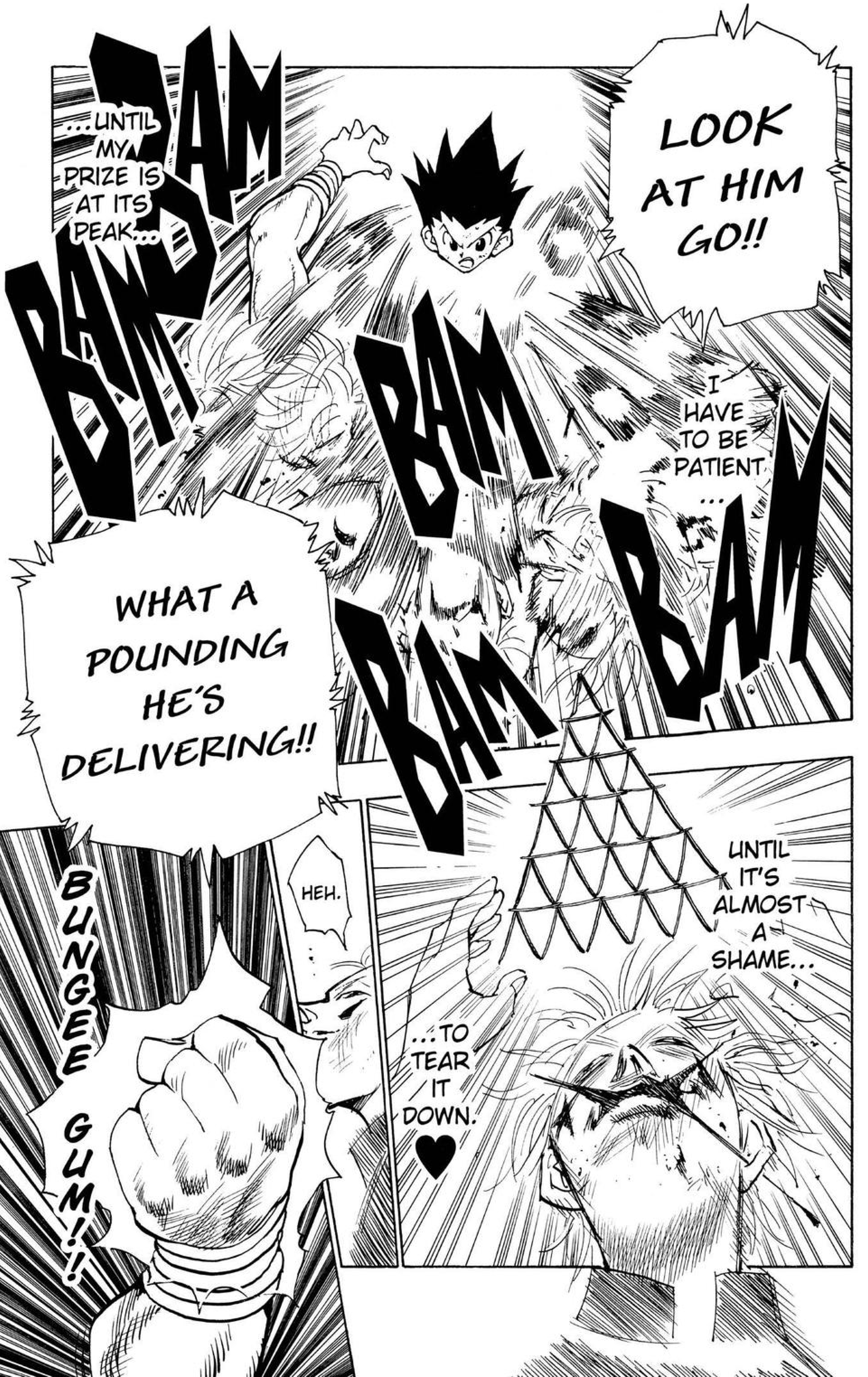

POW
SLAM
...GH!
DOOM
BAM
WHEN WAS IT...?!
THINK!
THREE!!
YOU HIT ME WITH BOTH HANDS!
NO, THE ANSWER WAS...
...FOUR, WHEN I THREW IT ON YOU AS I ANALYZED YOUR PERSONALITY! ♣
BWONNG!!
NO FAIR!!
GRR...
IF ONLY I'D USED GYO...
ONE WORD OF CAUTION. ◆ YOU WOULD'VE SEEN MY AURA COMING IF YOU HAD USED GYO IN THE CASE OF NUMBER 4. ♣
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TIMES?
...
!

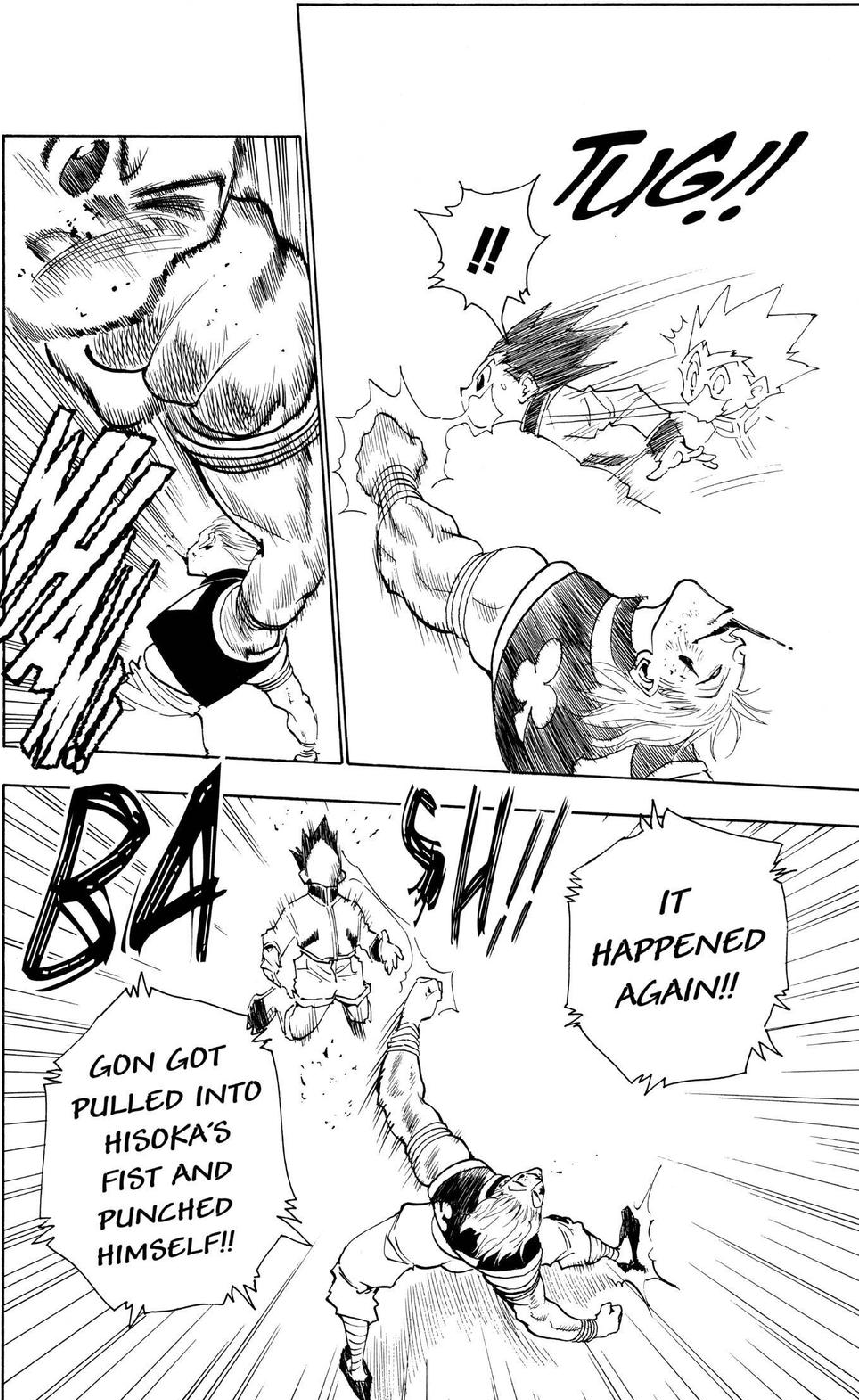

I CAN USE THIS...
...WITH ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT. ◆
I "HIDE" THE BUNGEE GUM... ♠
...WHEN MY OPPONENTS ARE BEING *REMISS.* ♥
BUT IF I'M PUNCHING THEM, IT WON'T MATTER IF THEY CAN SEE MY AURA OR NOT.
OH YEAH... THERE'S NO POINT IN SEEING HIS HIDDEN AURA...
...IF I CAN'T EVEN EVADE HISOKA'S BLOWS!!
THIS COULD BE DIFFICULT...!!
HIS ABILITY IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT...!!
TO AVOID HISOKA'S BUNGEE GUM...
...GON CAN'T LET HIM TOUCH HIM AT ALL!!

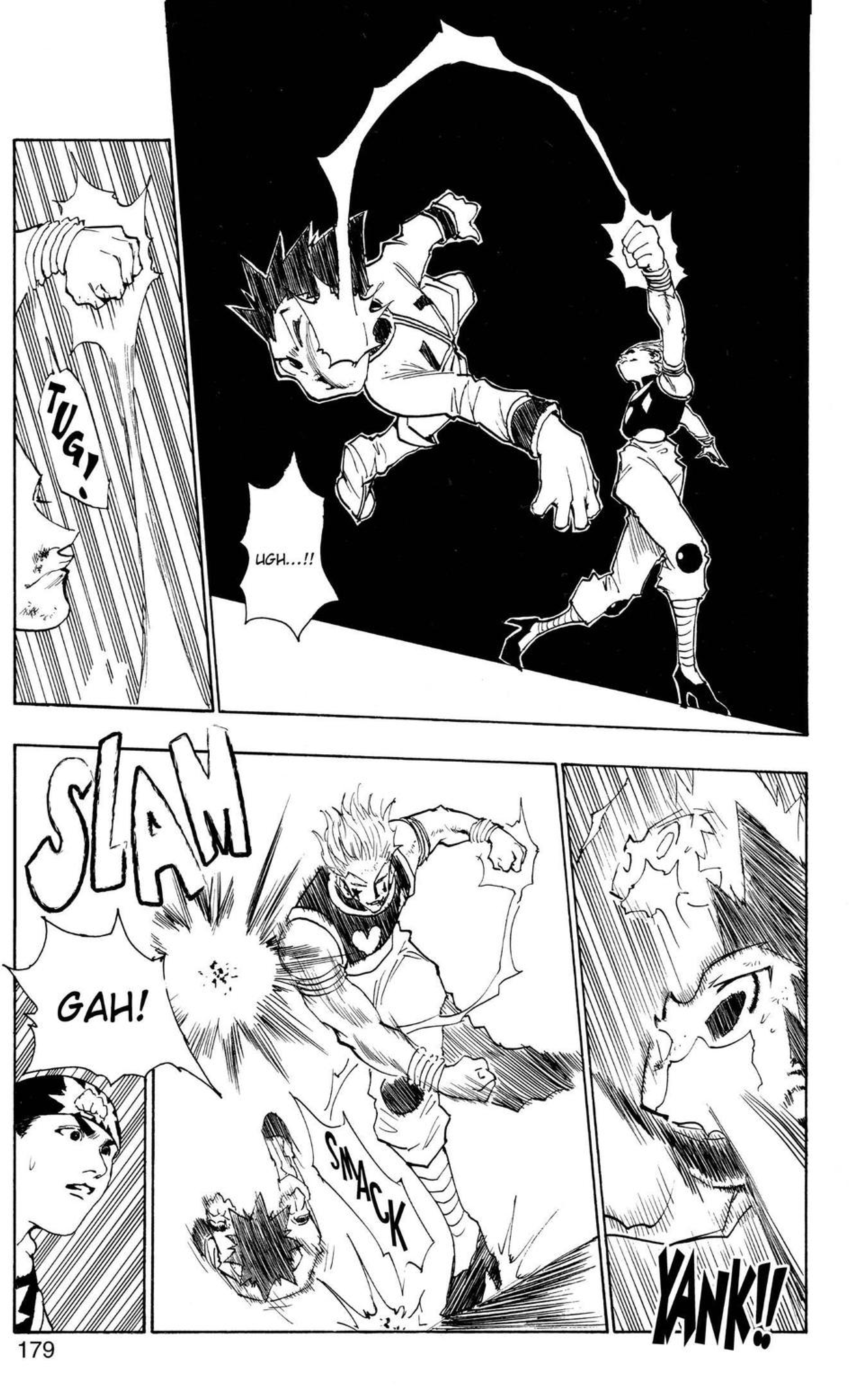

...
HE CAN'T EVEN BLOCK...!!
IT WOULD GET STUCK ON THE LIMB HE BLOCKED WITH!!
NOW THEN...
ENOUGH TALK. ♣
TIME TO—
IF I CAN'T ESCAPE...
...MY ONLY OPTION IS TO GO FORWARD!!!
DASH

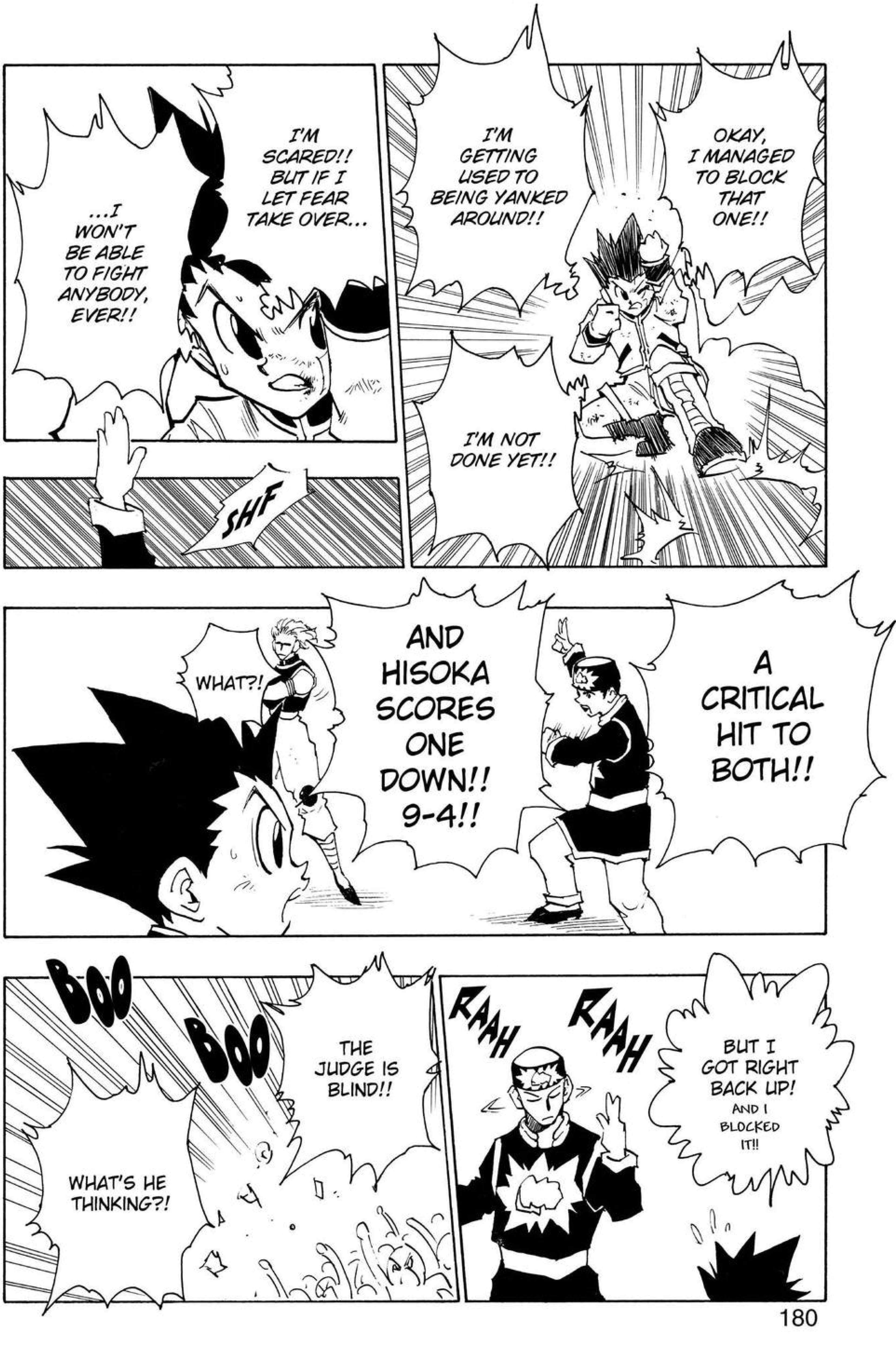

AHH, GON…
I LOVE IT!!
I LOVE IT!!!
BRRRR
YES!!!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!!!
YOU HAVE SO MUCH INITIATIVE!!
AH…
THOSE EYES…

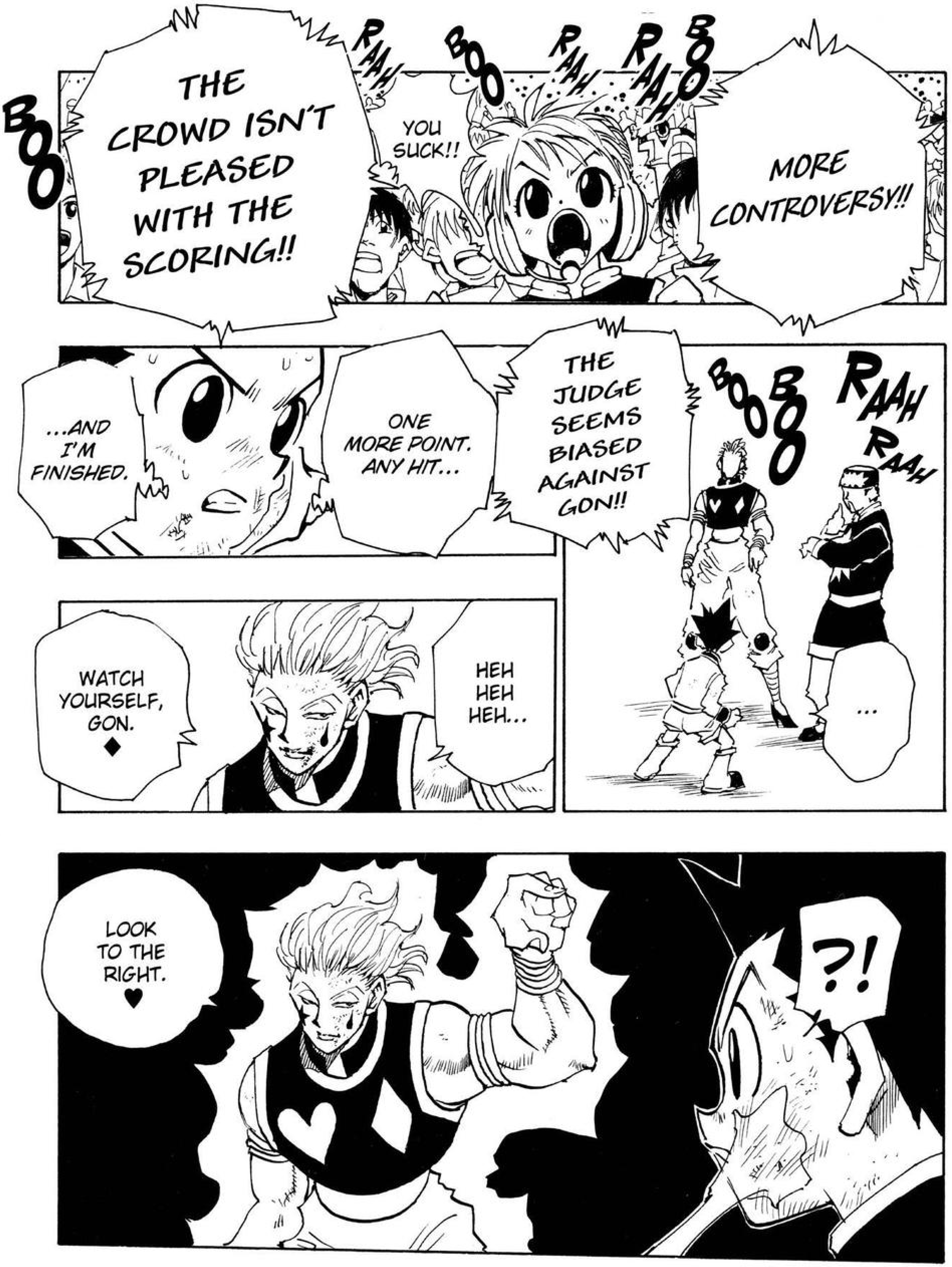

I WISH I COULD DEMOLISH YOU RIGHT NOW.
BRRR
AHH... BUT NOT YET. ♣
WAAH!!
I HAVE TO WAIT...
POW
...UNTIL HE'S RIPE AND READY...
!!!!!
WHOA

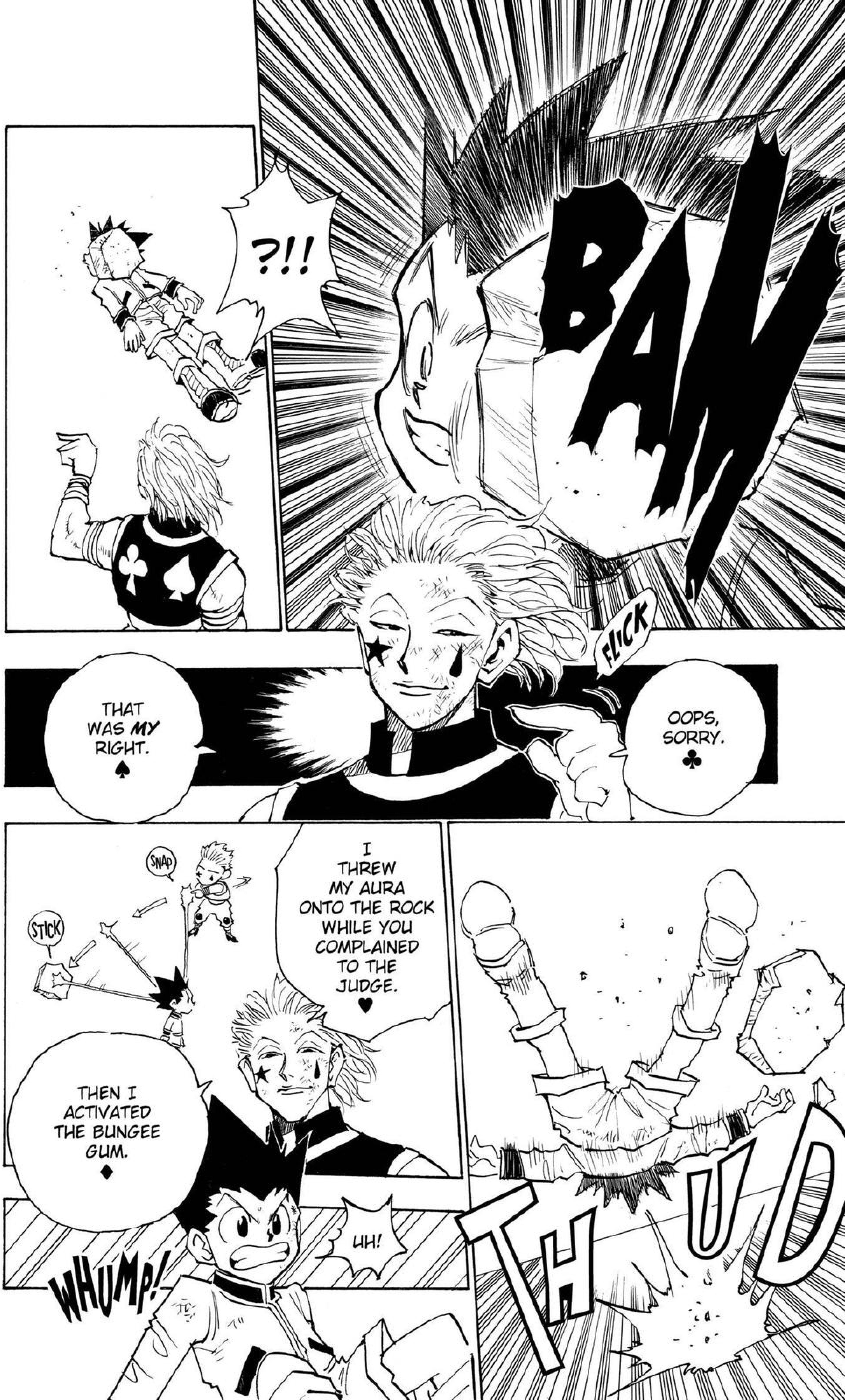

LOOK AT HIM GO!!
...UNTIL MY PRIZE IS AT ITS PEAK...
BAM
BAM
I HAVE TO BE PATIENT...
BAM
BAM
BAM
WHAT A POUNDING HE'S DELIVERING!!
UNTIL IT'S ALMOST A SHAME...
...TO TEAR IT DOWN. ♥
HEH.
BUNGEE GUM!!

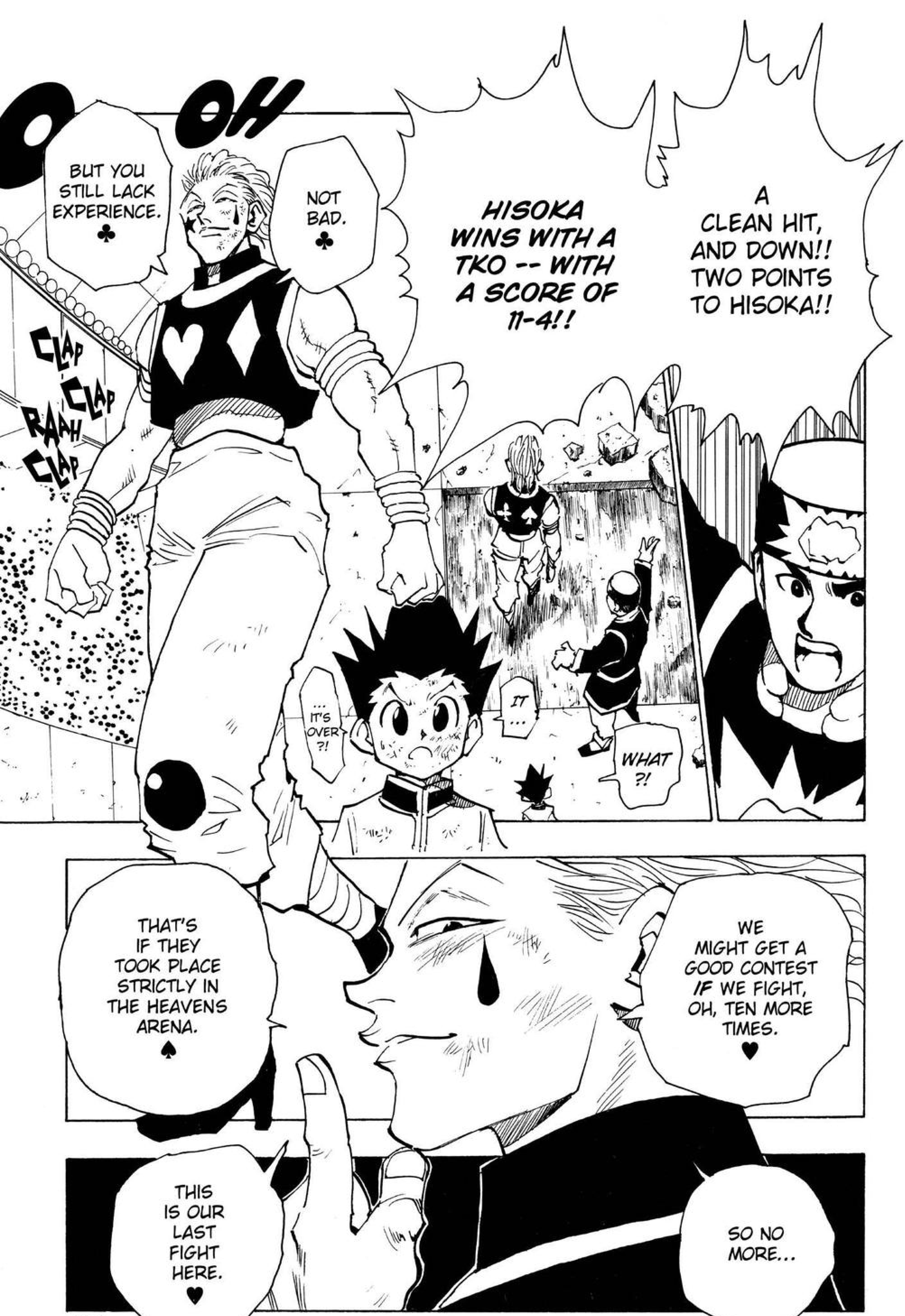

TUG!!
!!
WHAM
BASH!!
IT HAPPENED AGAIN!!
GON GOT PULLED INTO HISOKA'S FIST AND PUNCHED HIMSELF!!

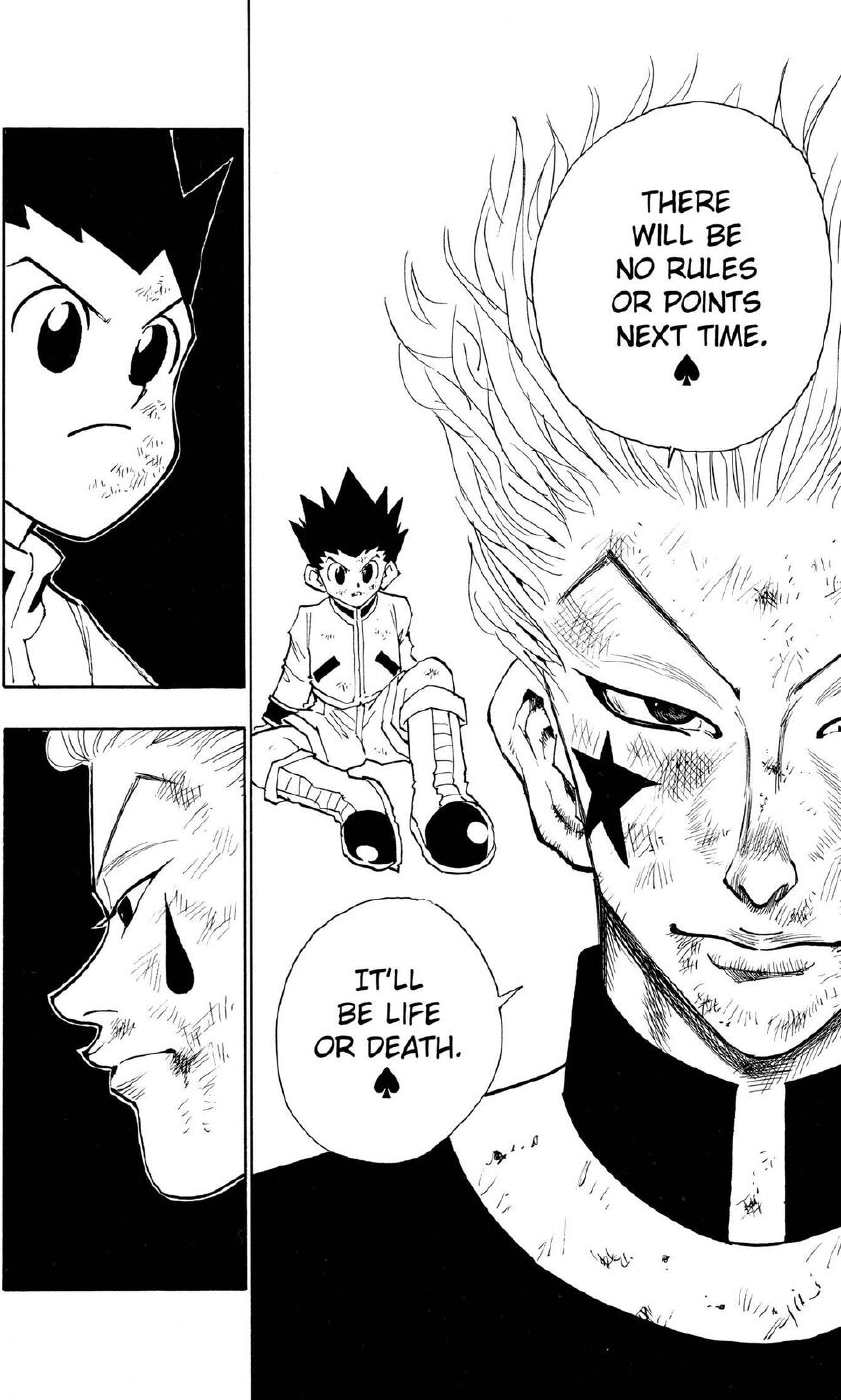

UGH...!!
TUG!
YANK!!
SLAM
SMACK
GAH!


OKAY, I MANAGED TO BLOCK THAT ONE!!
I'M GETTING USED TO BEING YANKED AROUND!!
I'M NOT DONE YET!!
I'M SCARED!! BUT IF I LET FEAR TAKE OVER...
...I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT ANYBODY, EVER!!
SHF
A CRITICAL HIT TO BOTH!!
AND HISOKA SCORES ONE DOWN!! 9-4!!
WHAT?!
RAAH
RAAH
BUT I GOT RIGHT BACK UP! AND I BLOCKED IT!!
THE JUDGE IS BLIND!!
BOO
BOO
WHAT'S HE THINKING?!


MORE CONTROVERSY!!
BOO
RAAH
RAAH
BOO
RAAH
YOU SUCK!!
BOO
RAAH
THE CROWD ISN'T PLEASED WITH THE SCORING!!
BOO
RAAH RAAH
BOO BOO
...
THE JUDGE SEEMS BIASED AGAINST GON!!
ONE MORE POINT. ANY HIT...
...AND I'M FINISHED.
HEH HEH HEH...
WATCH YOURSELF, GON. ◆
?!
LOOK TO THE RIGHT. ♥


BAM
?!!
FLICK
OOPS, SORRY. ♣
THAT WAS *MY* RIGHT. ♠
THUD
I THREW MY AURA ONTO THE ROCK WHILE YOU COMPLAINED TO THE JUDGE. ♥
SNAP
STICK
THEN I ACTIVATED THE BUNGEE GUM. ♦
UH!
WHUMP!


A CLEAN HIT, AND DOWN!! TWO POINTS TO HISOKA!!
HISOKA WINS WITH A TKO -- WITH A SCORE OF 11-4!!
WHAT?!
IT...
...IT'S OVER?!
NOT BAD. ♣
BUT YOU STILL LACK EXPERIENCE. ♣
OOOH
CLAP CLAP RAAH CLAP
WE MIGHT GET A GOOD CONTEST *IF* WE FIGHT, OH, TEN MORE TIMES. ♥
THAT'S IF THEY TOOK PLACE STRICTLY IN THE HEAVENS ARENA. ♠
SO NO MORE...
THIS IS OUR LAST FIGHT HERE. ♥


THERE WILL BE NO RULES OR POINTS NEXT TIME. ♠
IT'LL BE LIFE OR DEATH. ♠

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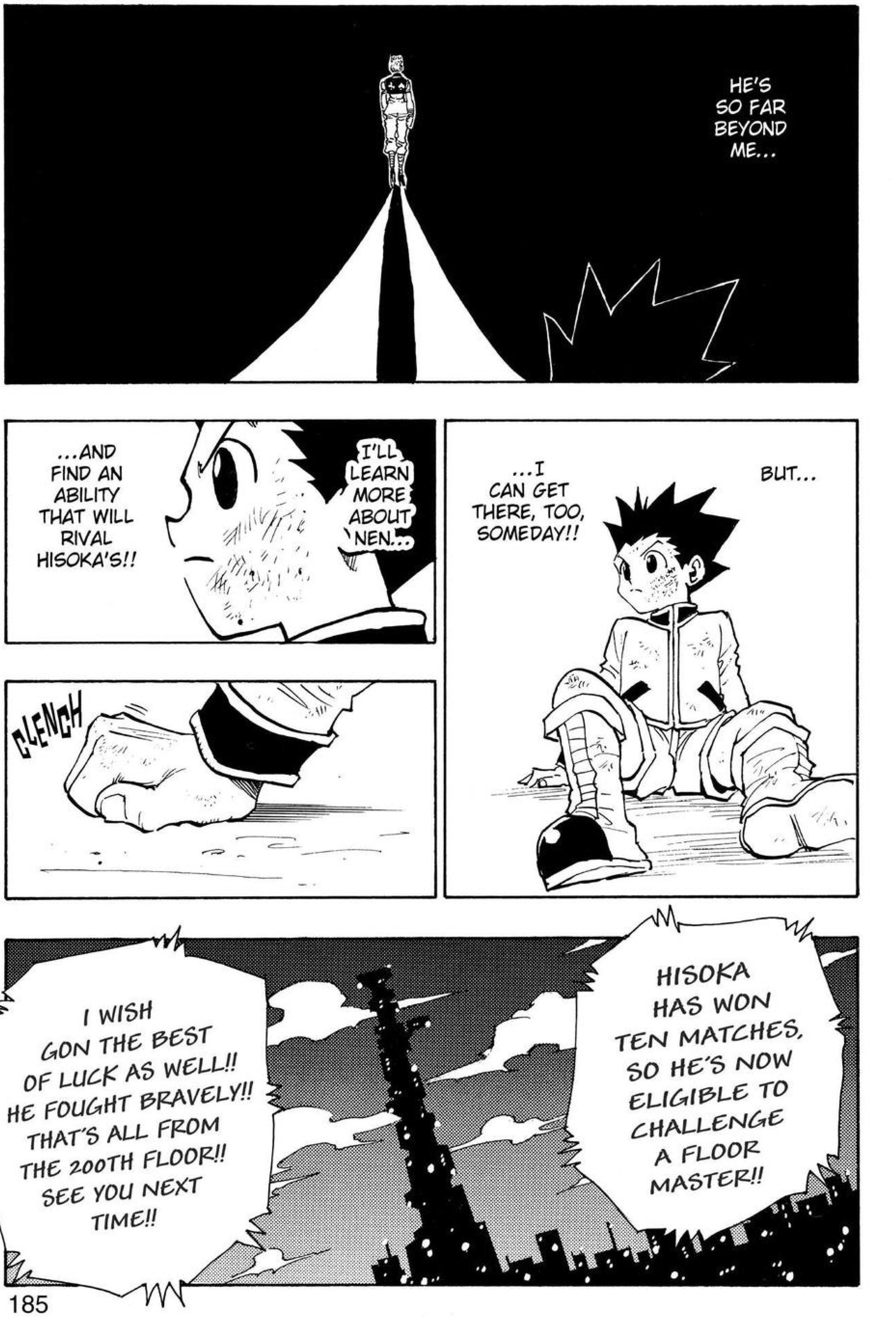
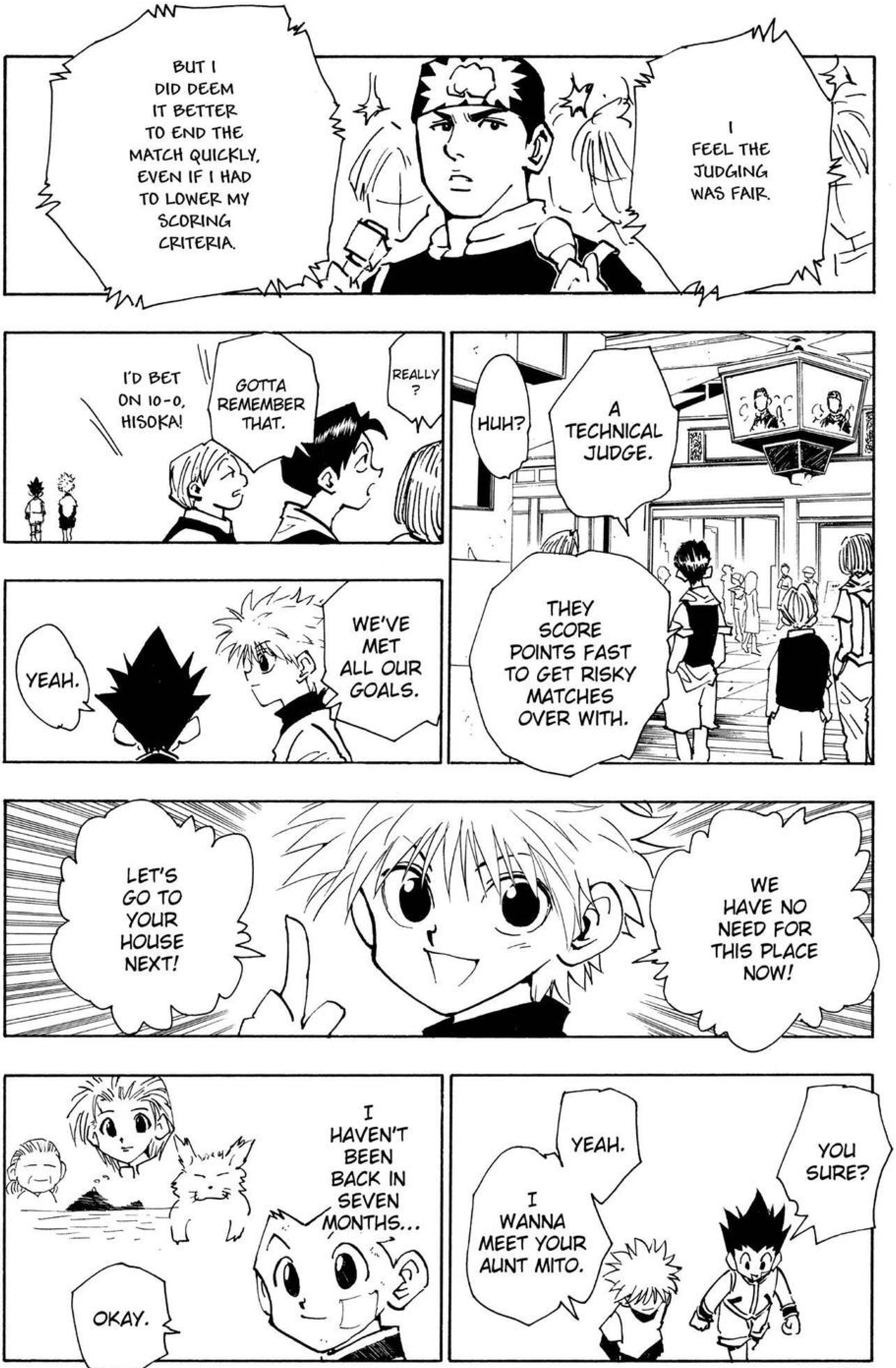

HE'S SO FAR BEYOND ME...
BUT...
...I CAN GET THERE, TOO, SOMEDAY!!
I'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT NEN...
...AND FIND AN ABILITY THAT WILL RIVAL HISOKA'S!!
CLENCH
HISOKA HAS WON TEN MATCHES, SO HE'S NOW ELIGIBLE TO CHALLENGE A FLOOR MASTER!!
I WISH GON THE BEST OF LUCK AS WELL!! HE FOUGHT BRAVELY!! THAT'S ALL FROM THE 200TH FLOOR!! SEE YOU NEXT TIME!!


I FEEL THE JUDGING WAS FAIR.
BUT I DID DEEM IT BETTER TO END THE MATCH QUICKLY, EVEN IF I HAD TO LOWER MY SCORING CRITERIA.
A TECHNICAL JUDGE.
HUH?
THEY SCORE POINTS FAST TO GET RISKY MATCHES OVER WITH.
REALLY?
GOTTA REMEMBER THAT.
I'D BET ON 10-0, HISOKA!
WE'VE MET ALL OUR GOALS.
YEAH.
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR THIS PLACE NOW!
LET'S GO TO YOUR HOUSE NEXT!
YOU SURE?
YEAH.
I WANNA MEET YOUR AUNT MITO.
I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK IN SEVEN MONTHS...
OKAY.

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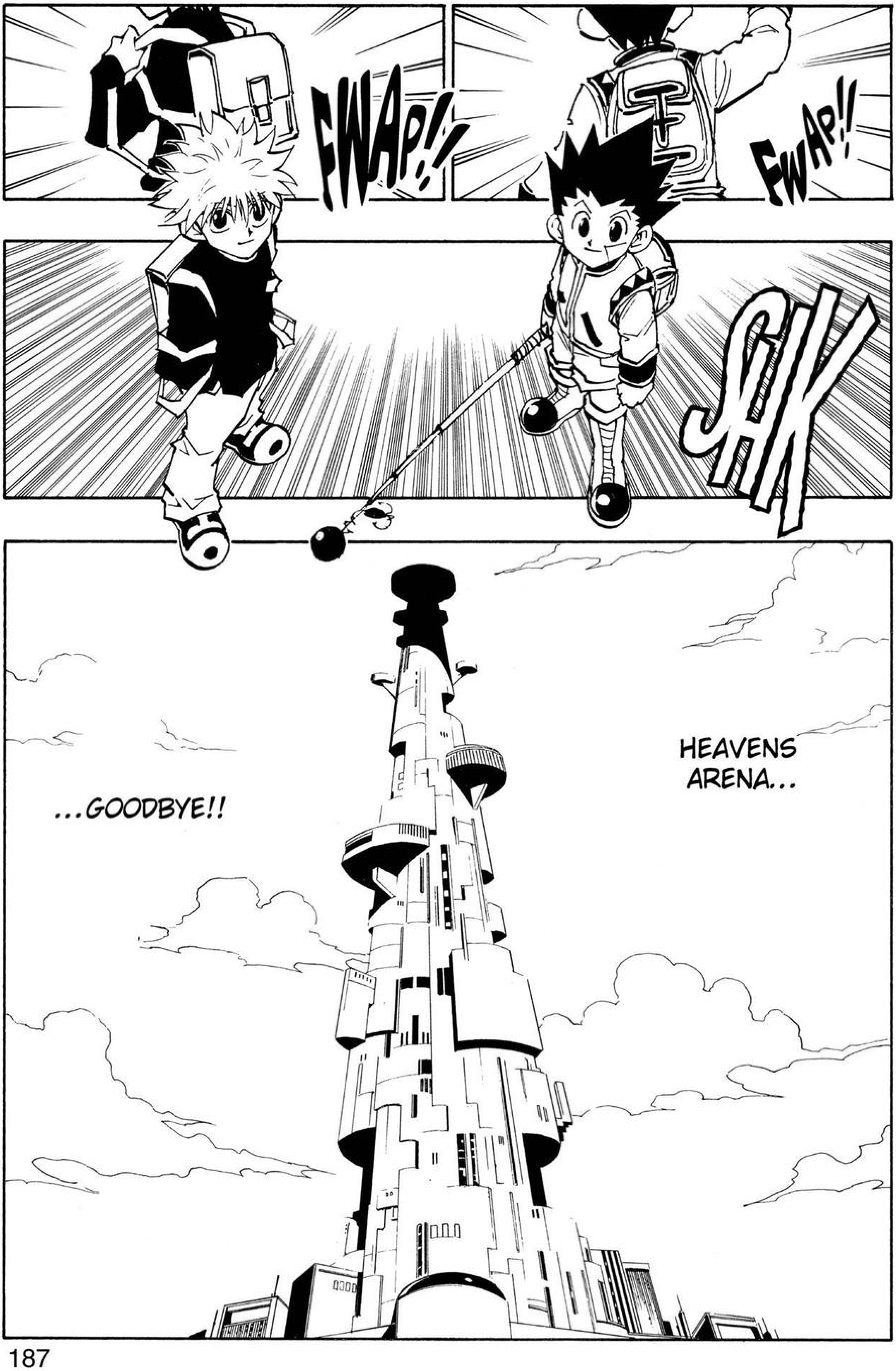
FWAP!!
FWAP!!
SAK
HEAVENS ARENA...
...GOODBYE!!